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# WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Evolving from one of the earliest sentient beings in existence, the inhabitants of Maltus achieved an advanced stage of development some five billion years ago. Over the next billion years, several societies rose and fell on Maltus, destroyed by war and plague and restored by philosophy and wisdom. Their society reached an unmatched pinnacle of civilization, with its inhabitants developing unparalleled intellectual and psychic powers.

The Maltusian scientist Krona decided to break his world's greatest taboo by creating a device that would allow him to witness the creation of the universe. Krona activated his time machine, thus observing Creation itself...and unleashed a wave of evil across the universe that spread to more than 50 million worlds.

The Maltusians banished Krona to the farthest reaches of the universe and decided that they would make it their mission to repair the damage he had caused.

They migrated to the known center of the universe, a planet called Oa. There, they began to develop strategies that would enable them to battle the evils Krona had unleashed. They called themselves Oans, and they evolved, over time, into the group of beings who would be known as the Guardians of the Universe.

Their first attempt to stem the tide of evil was to use androids known as Manhunters. Armed with weapons that drew power from a central battery on Oa, the Manhunters did their duty for centuries. Then for unknown reasons, the Manhunters rebelled against their programming and launched a millennia-long battle that culminated with an attack on Oa, where they succeeded in overpowering the Guardians. Ultimately, the Guardians overcame their android constructs, stripping them of their power and banishing them across the universe. A faction of Guardians believed that the Manhunters should have been destroyed outright, but that faction did not prevail.

Undaunted by the failure of the Manhunter androids, the Guardians vowed to once again renew their mission. Using living creatures as their agents — to reduce the likelihood of betrayal — the Guardians selected the most worthy champions from across the galaxies and equipped them, initially, with pistols that were charged by the power battery. In time, these weapons were modified into the power rings, and the warriors were dubbed the Green Lantern Corps. Rori Dag of Rojira was selected by the Guardians to be the first such Green Lantern, and his success led each Guardian to select one species from which a Green Lantern would be chosen.

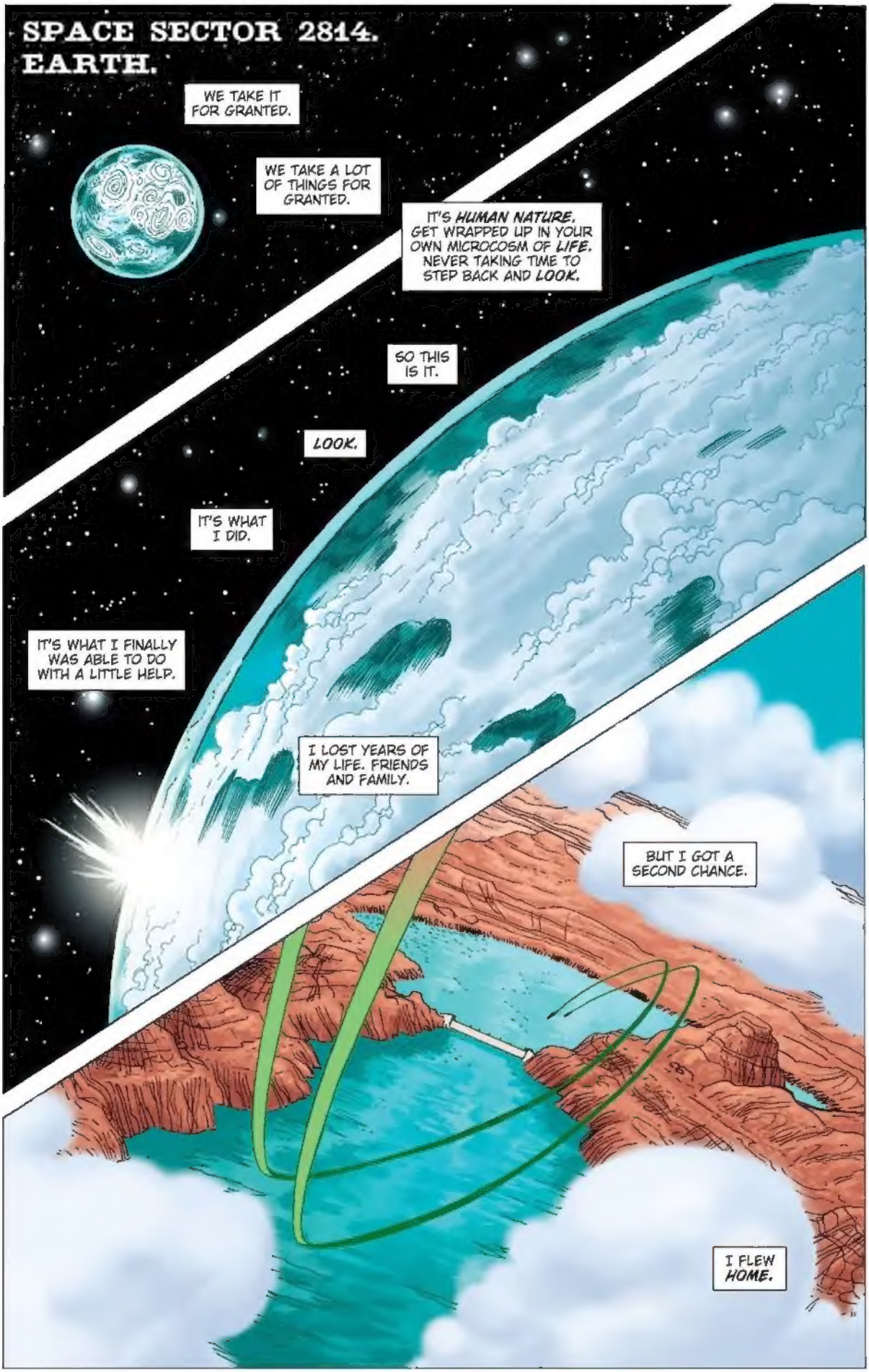
The women of Oa left the planet after some two and a half billion years, following the teachings of Zamar and journeying to the planet after which she was named. Along the way, they stopped on Korugar, where they took many male lovers. The male Guardians, trying to overcome the emotion of jealousy, left a legacy tying the central power battery's power to the Korugarians. But despite their best intentions, billions of years later, the Guardians' actions would unleash havoc throughout the universe.

In 1066 (by Earth's common calendar), the Manhunters discovered this planet and, sensing that it had "possibilities," they began establishing agents here. Ever since, the Earth has been a focal point for cosmic activity and has remained carefully watched by Sector 2814's resident Green Lantern.

Recent upheavals led all the Guardians — save one named Ganthet — to depart this plane of existence, along with their Zamaron female counterparts. The Corps was destroyed, the main battery was crushed. The line of Green Lanterns dwindled to but a handful, concentrated on Earth.

Then, from the ashes of defeat, the Guardians were reborn, and the power battery was recharged. Their greatest champion, Hal Jordan, was resurrected and this heralded the rebuilding of the Corps itself.

**Never has the universe been in such need of these fearless champions.**


SPACE SECTOR 2814.
EARTH.
WE TAKE IT FOR GRANTED.
WE TAKE A LOT OF THINGS FOR GRANTED.
IT'S HUMAN NATURE. GET WRAPPED UP IN YOUR OWN MICROCOSM OF LIFE. NEVER TAKING TIME TO STEP BACK AND LOOK.
SO THIS IS IT.
LOOK.
IT'S WHAT I DID.
IT'S WHAT I FINALLY WAS ABLE TO DO WITH A LITTLE HELP.
I LOST YEARS OF MY LIFE. FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
BUT I GOT A SECOND CHANCE.
I FLEW HOME.

AND NOW I DON'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED.
ALL RIGHT. I GIVE UP, JORDAN.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN WE GET THERE.
ESPECIALLY NOT THE RING.
FLIGHT
THE RING WAS GIVEN TO ME BY A DYING ALIEN.
A MEMBER OF AN INTERGALACTIC POLICE FORCE KNOWN AS THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
FIRST TIME I WORE IT, IT FELT HEAVY. AWKWARD.
UNTIL MY FEET LEFT THE GROUND.
FLYING WAS AS EASY AS WISHING ON A STAR.
BUT NO TURBULENCE. NO NOISE. AND NO MORE TIME TO ACTUALLY SEE THE STARS. I JUST SHOT RIGHT BY THEM.
OVER THE YEARS, THE CORPS DRAFTED OTHERS.
HE WON'T SAY IT, NOT SURE IF HE EVEN THINKS IT, BUT KYLE RAYNER WAS CHOSEN FOR A REASON TOO.
HE'S AN ARTIST. A HOPELESS ROMANTIC.
WITHOUT HIM, I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD A CHANCE. THE GREEN LANTERNS WOULD'VE BEEN EXTINCT.
ALL RIGHT, BUT I'M MISSING A HOT DATE FOR THIS.
THE FIGHT IS IN HIM...
...BUT THE THRILL ISN'T.
THEN YOUR PRIORITIES ARE MIXED UP.
OF COURSE, IF YOU ASK A LOT OF PEOPLE--

--THEY SAY THAT'S MY PROBLEM.
ALWAYS WAS.
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE.
H.JORDAN
MRS. OLSEN TOLD ME IT'S BEEN EVERY DAY THIS WEEK.
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, HAL, THE BUS STOP IS JUST THREE BLOCKS DOWN.
I LIKE WALKING TO SCHOOL.
DON'T YOU LIE TO ME, HAROLD JORDAN. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO.
JACK AND JIMMY ARE ALREADY WAITING. NOW YOU HURRY UP. YOU MISS IT AGAIN AND NO TELE--
--HAL! YOUR JACKET!

OH, HONEY.
WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE YOUR BROTHERS?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO MUCH LIKE YOUR FATHER?
SOMEONE CALL THE POPE, IT'S A MIRACLE! HAIR-MOLD ACTUALLY MADE IT ON--
--HEY!
WHERE'S HAL GOIN', JACK?
MOM'S GONNA KILL 'EM.
C'MON, JIMMY.

I USED TO WATCH HIM EVERY MORNING.
BOOOM
QUARTER PAST SEVEN HE'D COME CLIMBING RIGHT OVER THE HORIZON.
YEAH!
YEAAAHHHHHH!
KEEP
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AIR DEF
MOM NEVER ASKED WHERE I SPENT THE FIRST FIFTEEN MINUTES OF EVERY DAY.
SHE WAS AFRAID TO.

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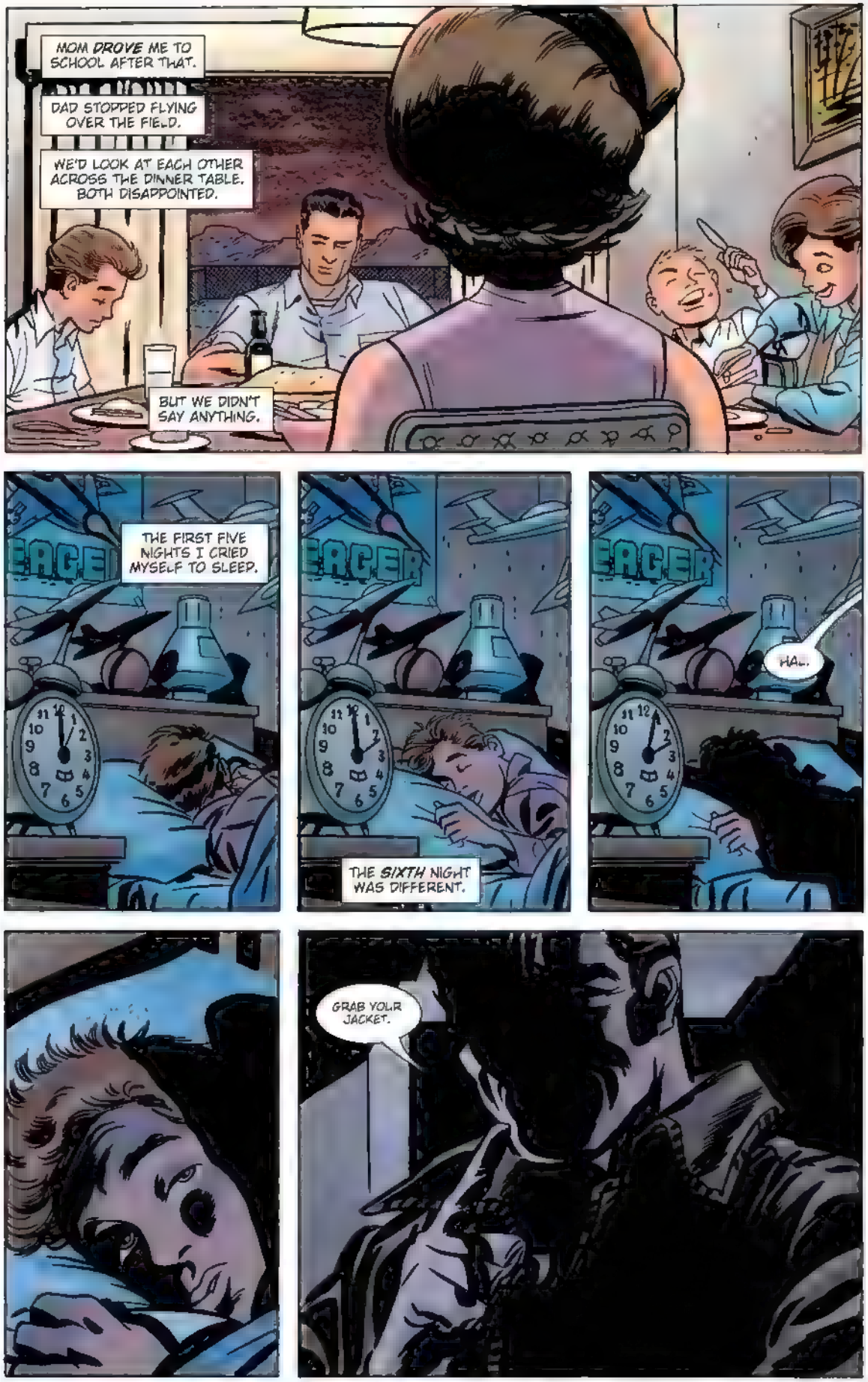
AFRAID OF WHAT IT MEANT FOR THE FUTURE.
YOU ENCOURAGE HIM, MARTIN.
HEY, HE'S INTERESTED IN HIS OLD MAN. HOW MANY FATHERS GET TO SAY THAT?
JORDAN
HE'S CONSUMED BY IT.
NO, HE'S NOT, JESSICA.
HE IS, MARTIN. LIKE YOU.
AND I DON'T... I...
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY MOTHERS AND WIVES I WATCH GO THROUGH WHAT EVERY-ONE'S AFRAID TO EVEN MENTION?
TO EVEN THINK?
IT WAS DANGEROUS AND SEXY AND FUN WHEN WE WERE TWENTY.
BUT NOW? WITH THE BOYS...
...IT'S NOT.
IT'S MY JOB, JESSICA.
IT'S WHAT I WANT TO DO, MOM.
I WANT TO FLY.
THE CONVERSATION ENDED RIGHT THERE.


MOM DROVE ME TO SCHOOL AFTER THAT.
DAD STOPPED FLYING OVER THE FIELD.
WE'D LOOK AT EACH OTHER ACROSS THE DINNER TABLE. BOTH DISAPPOINTED.
BUT WE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
THE FIRST FIVE NIGHTS I CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP.
THE SIXTH NIGHT WAS DIFFERENT.
HAL.
GRAB YOUR JACKET.

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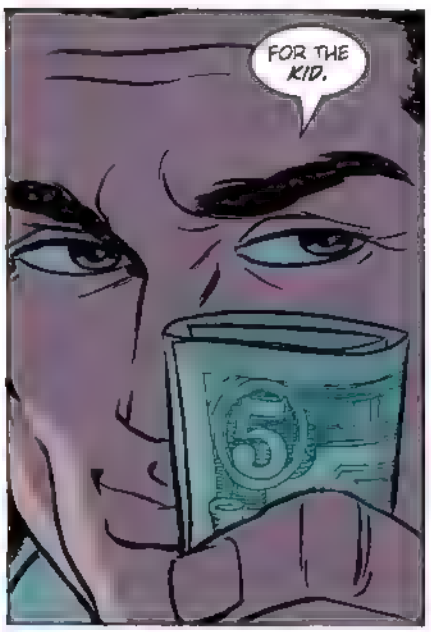
HEY, JOHNNY.

CAPTAIN JORDAN? IT'S A QUARTER AFTER THREE.
SIR, UH... WHAT ARE YOU...?

THIS IS MY SON. INTRODUCE YOURSELF, YOUNG MAN.
UM... H-HAROLD, SIR.

I JUST WANTED TO TAKE HIM FOR A LITTLE TRIP.

A TRIP? CAPTAIN, I REALLY SHOULDN'T...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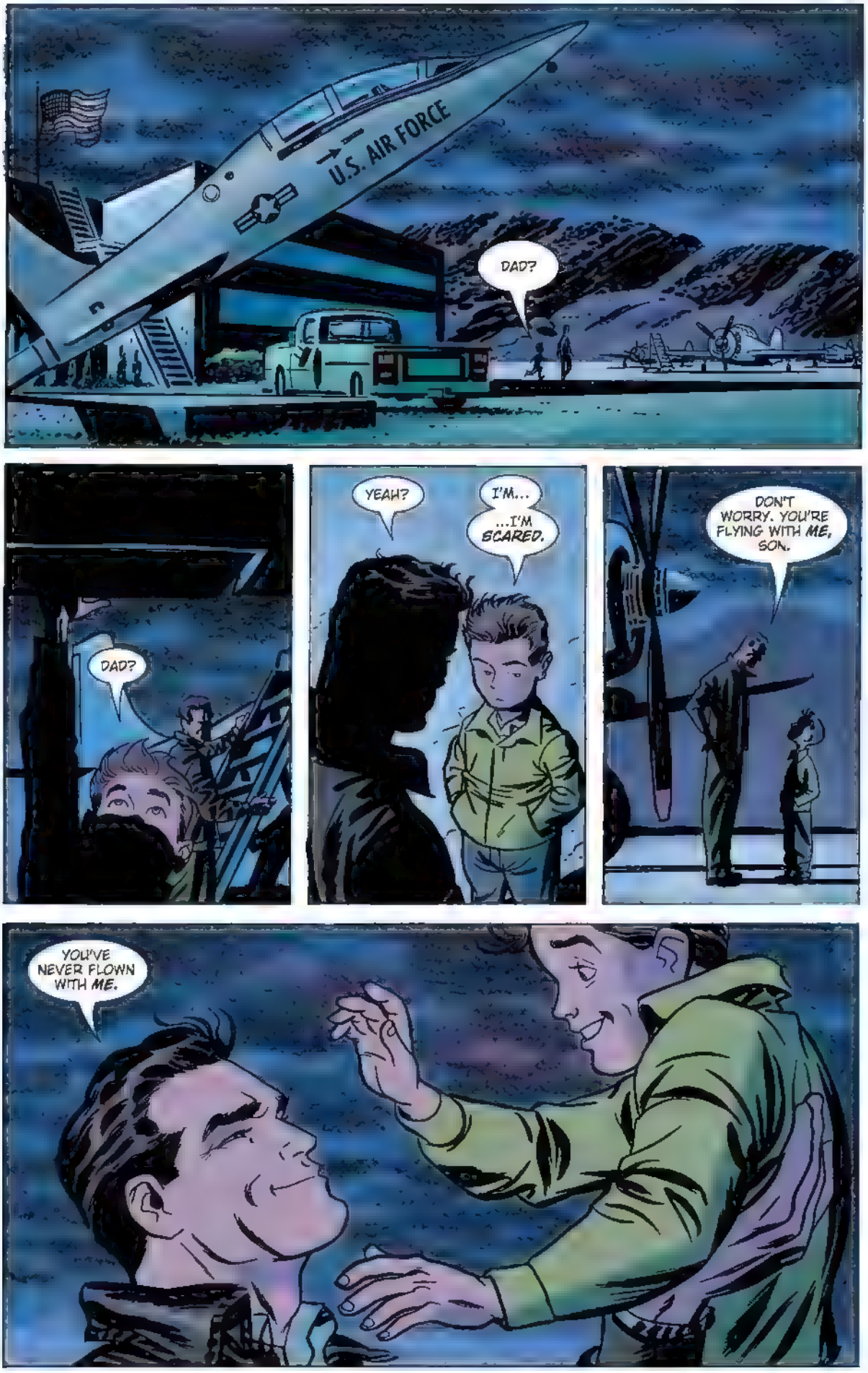
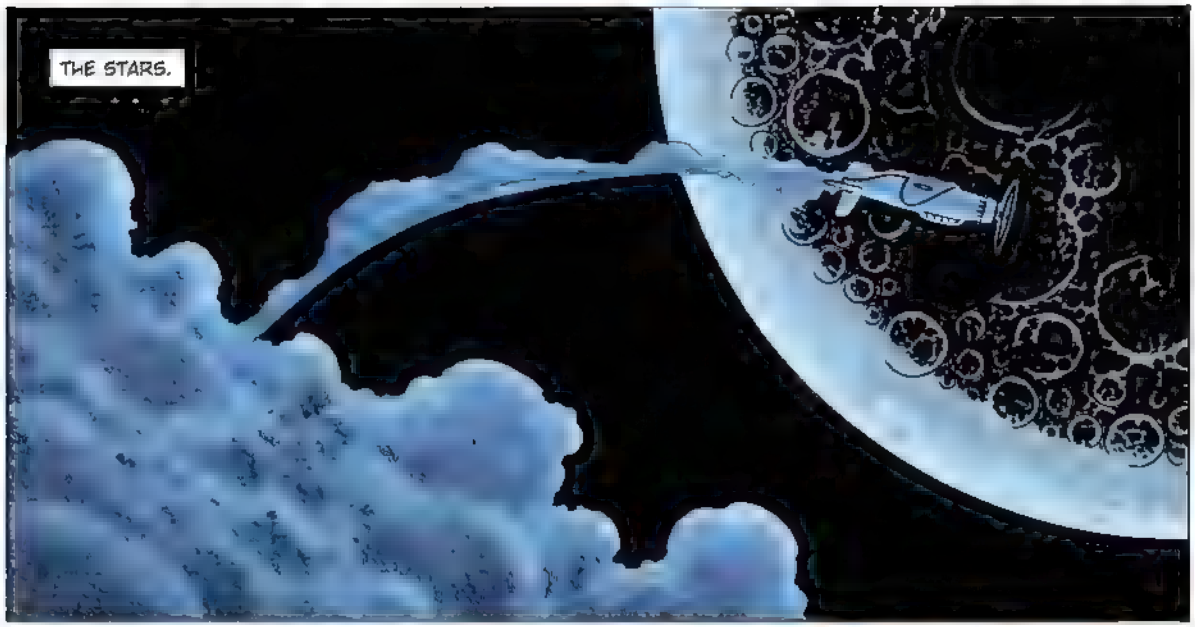
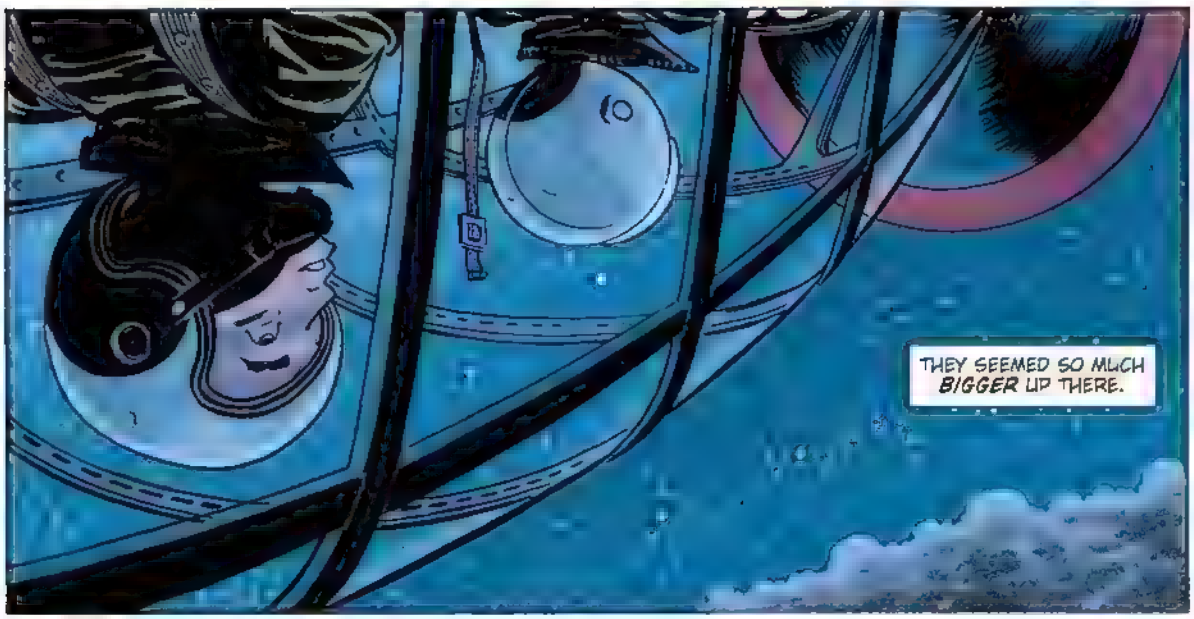

U.S. AIR FORCE
DAD?
DAD?
YEAH?
I'M...
...I'M SCARED.
DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE FLYING WITH ME, SON.
YOU'VE NEVER FLOWN WITH ME.

CHK CHK CHK
RRRRRR
BABUMP
HANG TIGHT.
I'M TAKING YOU TO THE STARS, KIDDO.


THE STARS.


THEY SEEMED SO MUCH *BIGGER* UP THERE.

LIKE I COULD REACH OUT AND *GRAB* THEM.
WE FLEW UNTIL *DAWN.*
NEVER SAID A *WORD.*
IT WAS OUR *SECRET.*

UNTIL I MET HER.
WHEN YOU SAID A NIGHT OUT, HAL, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU MEANT OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. WE HAVE DINNER RESERVATIONS AT FALSTINO'S AT EIGHT. THOUGH WE'LL HAVE TO PICK YOU UP A TIE.
I CANCELLED THEM.
WHAT?
I CANCELLED THE RESERVATIONS. WE WON'T BE BACK BY EIGHT.
MR. JORDAN.
IF THIS IS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO TAKE ME TO SOME KIND OF LOVERS' LANE--
HARDLY.
HAROLD! HOW ARE YOU?
HEY, JOHNNY. HOW'RE THE KIDS?
HAROLD?
MAKING MY HAIR FALL OUT. LOOKING TO GET SOME AIR?
ABSO--
--UM... CAROL? YOU... UH...
YOU GOT A TEN ON YA?

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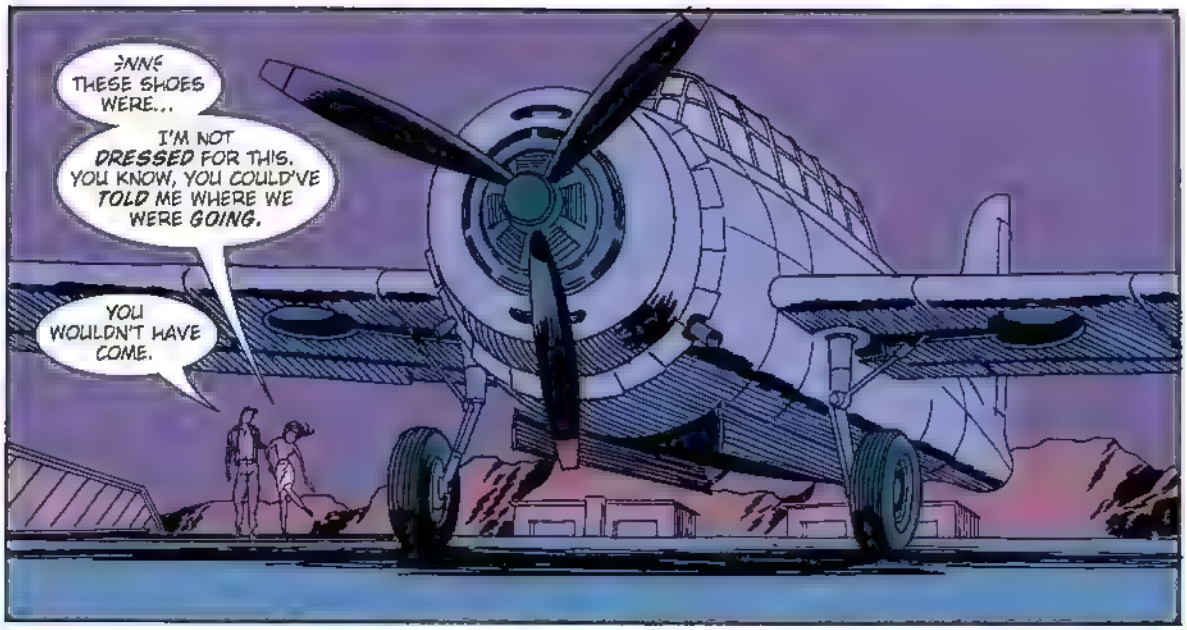
SNNS THESE SHOES WERE...
I'M NOT DRESSED FOR THIS. YOU KNOW, YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME WHERE WE WERE GOING.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I FINALLY AGREE TO GO OUT "ON THE TOWN" WITH YOU--
--NOT ABOVE IT.

COME ON.
I SPEND ALL DAY ON AIRFIELDS. THIS ISN'T EXACTLY THRILLING...
YEAH, BUT...

...YOU'VE NEVER FLOWN WITH ME.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO SLAP ME RIGHT THEN AND THERE.
HAL, I...
BUT IT CAME OUT OF CAROL WHEN SHE GOT CLOSE TO THE PLANE.
THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVED TO FLY. GROWING UP ON A TARMAC ALL HER OWN.
WHEN HER FATHER HAD HIS HEART ATTACK, CAROL STEPPED IN TO RUN FERRIS AIRCRAFT.
SHE HADN'T REALLY BEEN UP IN THE AIR SINCE.
BUT CAROL WAS LIKE ME.
THE SKY WAS LIFE TO HER.
UP THERE, SHE WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON.

THE PERSON I SAW INSIDE.
A GIRL ENRAPTURED BY THE AIR. FREE FROM THE CHECKS AND BALANCES OF RUNNING A BUSINESS.
THE TENSION WAS THICK. HEARTS POUNDING LOUDER THAN THE WIND.
FOR HER, IT WAS TRUE ROMANCE.
ME TOO.
WE WERE DYING TO KISS THE MOMENT WE LEFT THE GROUND.
I KEPT HER IN THE AIR FOR AN EXTRA TEN MINUTES.
WORTH THE WAIT.
LOOKING AT IT ALL NOW... LOOKING AT CAROL.
LETTING HER GO WAS THE WORST MISTAKE OF MY LIFE.

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AND I'VE MADE PLENTY.
ALL RIGHT.
STILL DO.
QUICK CHANGE AND WE'RE CLOSE.
COSTUME'S ERASED.
NOW CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE WE ARE?
WE'LL WALK THE REST OF THE WAY.
WALK?

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THIS IS IT?
YOU WANT TO TAKE ME FOR A FLIGHT?
I'VE BEEN FLYING FOR YEARS WITH THE RING.
FROM ONE END OF THE UNIVERSE TO THE OTHER. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, HAL?
YOU'VE NEVER FLOWN WITH ME.

KYLE COUGHS ON THE FUMES WHEN WE START UP.
THE SUIT DOESN'T FIT HIM RIGHT. NOT LIKE THE UNIFORM HE PAINTS WITH THE R.N.G. MOLDED BY HIS MIND.
HIGH BALL
FWOOM
OVER FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS OF METAL, ELECTRONICS AND FUEL STRUGGLE TO STAY IN THE AIR. IT'S WORKING FOR IT.
WORKING HARD.
THE TURBINES EXPLODE. THE JET SHAKES.
BOOM
SOON AS WE BREAK THE SOUND BARRIER, HE HOLDS HIS BREATH.

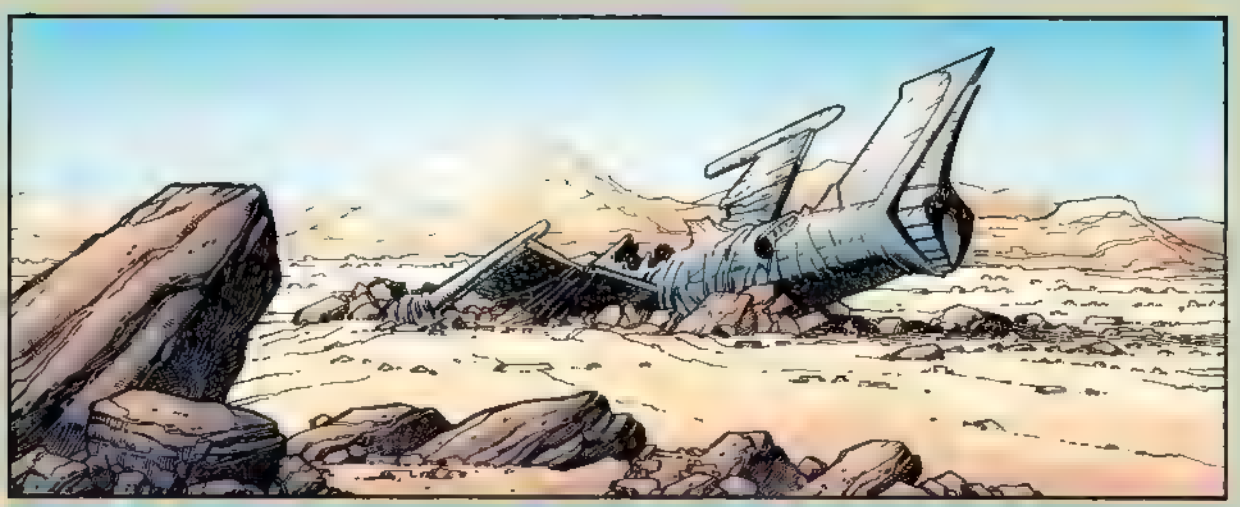
I GO FASTER. HIT AN AIR POCKET.
FORCE KYLE TO BREATHE AGAIN.
THEN I BRING HIM UP HIGH.
Y-YEAH...
HE FEELS IT...
YEAH!
...HE SHOUTS OUT INTO THE STARS...
YEAAA

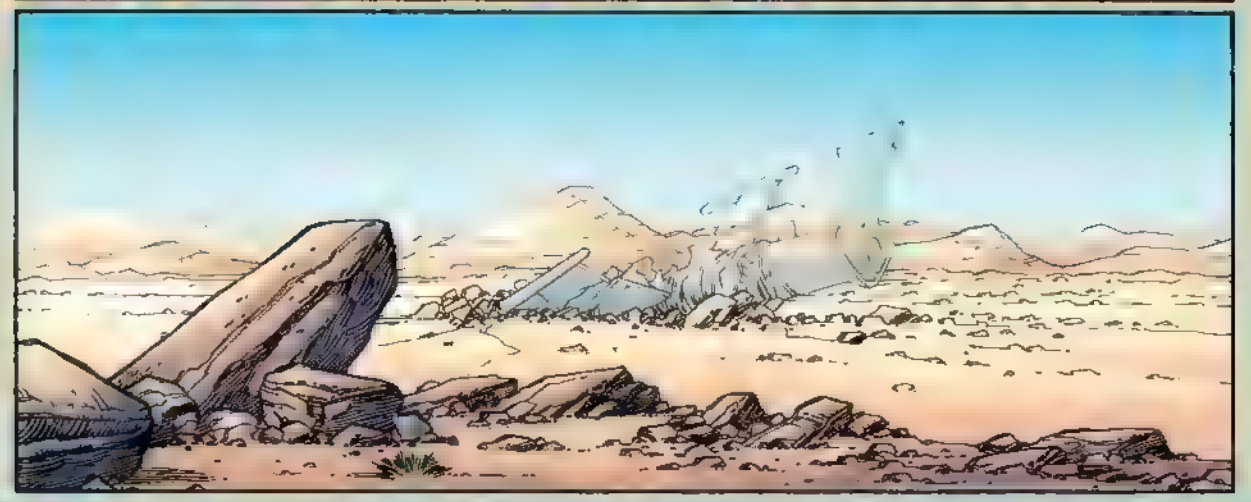
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
YOU MEAN, DO I KNOW WHAT HE DID?
FERRIS AIRCRAFT
HELL, EVERYONE DOES.
THE STUNT HE PULLED UP AT EDWARDS. HE'S LUCKY HE WASN'T ARRESTED.
AND NOW WE'RE SUPPOSE TO TRUST HIM WITH OUR WINGS?
SURE IS.
FERRIS WAS THE ONLY PLACE THAT WOULD TAKE THE GUY IN
CAROL LOOKS AT HIM LIKE A TEENAGE GIRL.
BUT CAROL'S NOT WHY HE'S HERE.
IT'S ABOUT HER DAD--
AND HIS.
THEY SAY HAL JORDAN WAS AN ACE.
JORDAN

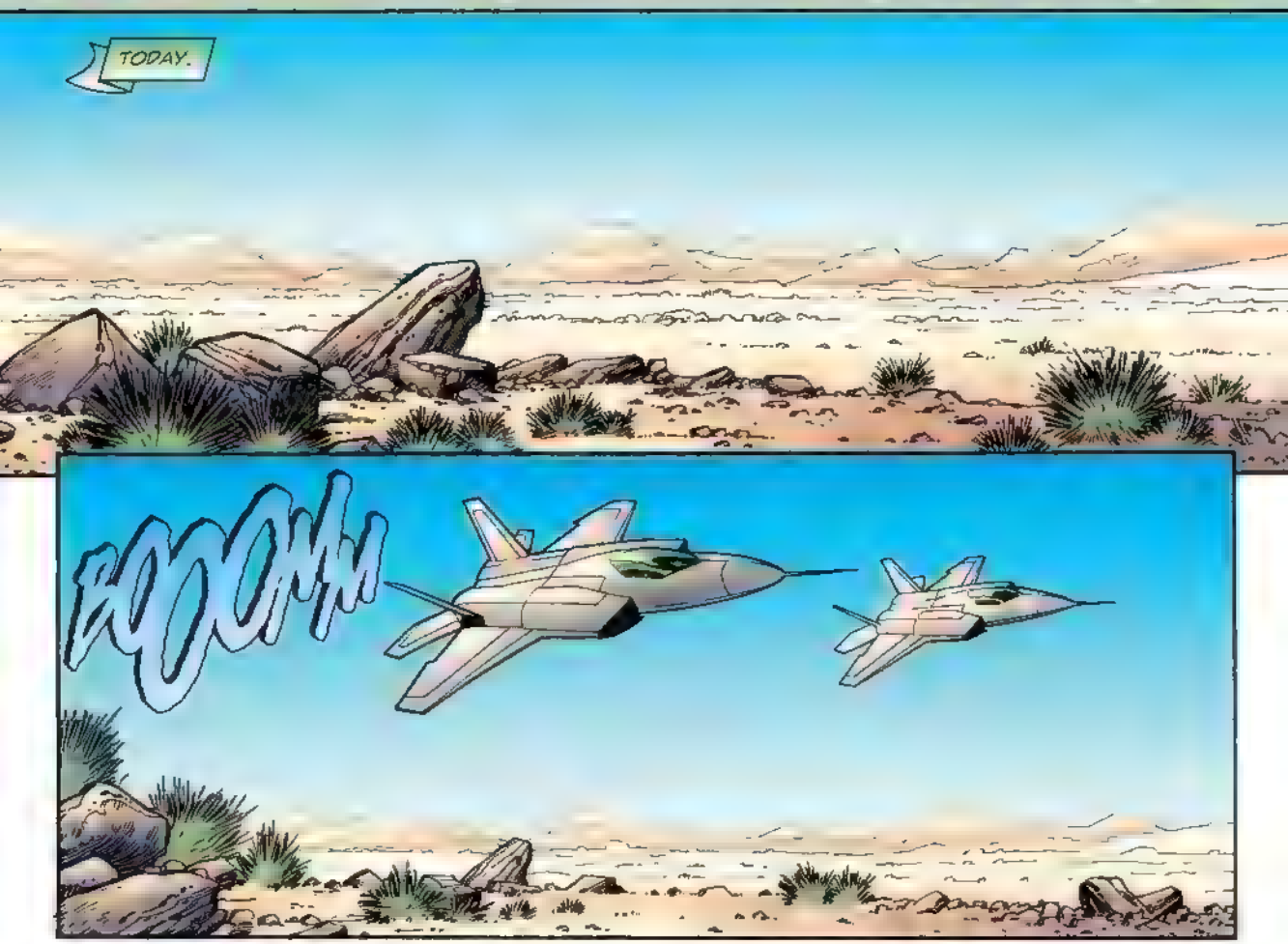
BUT THERE'S NO WAY FERRIS WILL LET HIM FLY AGAIN.
HAL JORDAN.
WHAT? WHO SAID--
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

I AM ABIN SUR. GREEN LANTERN OF YOUR SPACE SECTOR.
SECTOR 2814
I AM DYING.
THE BRIGHTEST DAY BECOMES THE BLACKEST NIGHT
TO SERVE IS A GREAT HONOR.
BESTOWED UPON YOU BY THE RING
THE RING IS FUELED BY YOUR WILLPOWER.
THE GREATEST POWER IN THE UNIVERSE.
A UNIVERSE WHERE EVIL IS CONFRONTED BY THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
BY ORDER OF THE GUARDIANS
THE RING WILL MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS AND WISHES A REALITY.
THE GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT MUST BE RECHARGED WITH THE POWER BATTERY
BUT THERE IS A FLAW IN THE BATTERY, AN IMPURITY LOCATED WITHIN YOUR VISUAL SPECTRUM.
THE POWER IS INEFFECTUAL AGAINST YELLOW.
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR ONE REASON.
AMONG MANY OTHERS.
YOU ARE A MAN THAT WILL OVERCOME GREAT FEAR.
HAL JORDAN OF EARTH.

DO YOU ACCEPT THIS DUTY?
BUDDY
IF I'M NOT DREAMING
--ABSOLUTELY.
AN EARTHMAN... HMM.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE D






TODAY.
BOOM!!!

FWOOSH
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, JORDAN?
THE RAPTOR'S NEVER LOST A MOCK BATTLE WITH THE F 15.
IF WE START ON THE OFFENSIVE, IT'S A WASTE OF GAS.
WITH A VIEW LIKE THIS?
NO SUCH THING, SHANE.
YOU READY, JORDAN?
COPY.
THEN SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT.

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
WHEN WE FIRST MOVED HERE, THUNDER WOULD CRACK THE BLUE SKY OPEN EVERY HOUR. YOU'D JUMP AND LOOK UP.
-AS THE SOUND BARRIER SHATTERED
A FEW WEEKS LATER BOTH OF MY BROTHERS GOT USED TO T
THEY STOPPED LOOKING UP
I NEVER COULD.
I SIGNED UP WITH THE AIR FORCE THE DAY I TURNED EIGHTEEN
I MET SHANE SELLERS THAT NIGHT
HE WAS HITTING ON THIS REDHEAD, SARAH OR SALLY "S" SOMETHING
I WENT TO BUY HER A RED DRAW
WHEN I CAME BACK, SHANE WAS SITTING IN MY CHAIR, HER HAND IN HIS
I BROKE A FINGER HE BROKE TWO.
THE REDHEAD WENT HOME WITH A LIEUTENANT COLONEL.
WE NEVER FOUGHT AGAIN
SO YOU'RE A COLONEL AND AN F-22 TEST SQUADRON COMMANDER
THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE OUR DAYS AT EGLIN.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE PICTURES OF MY KIDS.
A FAMILY MAN, TOO?
I'VE GOT A WIFE, TWO GIRLS AND A MOTHER-IN-LAW WHO ROARS LOUDER THAN A SCRAMJET.
IT'S THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD HAL
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT SHANE

. SO WHAT HAPPENED TO S.U.D.?
SINGLE UNTIL DEATH? THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
EVERYONE SAID YOU WENT UP WITH THE REST OF COAST CITY.
I WAS ON THE ROAD.
BUT I'M DONE WALKING.
I WANT TO FLY AGAIN.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY STRINGS I HAD TO PULL TODAY?
THIS WASN'T A REQUAL FLIGHT. IT WAS A FAVOR.
I'VE GOT OVER EIGHT HUNDRED HOURS IN THE AIR.
I KNOW I WAS THERE.
YOU'D STILL HAVE TO RUN THROUGH TEST PILOT SCHOOL AGAIN.
CLASS 05B STARTS IN JULY.
I'M THE MOST PRECISE PILOT YOU'LL HAVE--
YOU REMEMBER HERC? HE'S A TWO-STAR GENERAL NOW, AND THE COMMANDER OF THE FLIGHT TEST CENTER.
YOU THINK HE'S FORGOTTEN?
WHY'D YOU DO IT ANYWAY, JORDAN?
WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?
I COULDN'T QUIT.

MY RING LETS ME FLY.
FWAM
THAT MIGHT HAVE TO BE ENOUGH--
JORDAN.
JOHN?
HEY, I'VE GOT A ZERO-ZERO.
ABANDONED SPACECRAFT?
IN A GEO-SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT OVER NORTHERN NEVADA.
I'M NOT PICKING UP ANY LIFE SIGNS BUT, WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THIS.
HANG TIGHT, JOHN.

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BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA.
IT'S YOUR DUTY?
YES, MA AM.
3 EGGS
MENU
YOU SAY YOU BOYS ARE DRIVING ALL THE WAY FROM NELLIS. IT'S GOTTA BE IMPORTANT.
THEY TELL US T IS.
WELL, WHAT S IT? WHAT'S UNDER THAT TARP OUT THERE?
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
COULDN'T SAY
IT'S TOP SECRET.
HEY, PRIVATE.
TIPS

THAT'S MY GIRL YOU'RE TRYING TO RECRUIT.
OH, CHRIS, LEAVE HIM ALONE.
YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE A REGULAR OLD "CIVILIAN," PRIVATE?
HE'S IN THE AIR FORCE.
IT'S OKAY.
THANKS FOR THE COFFEE
JOHNSON!
I WAS JUST.. I KEEP HEARING SOMETHING. LIKE A WEIRD MOANING. WHAT IS THIS?
CLASSIFIED. MEANING YOU LOOK AND I SHOOT.
COME ON. WE'VE GOTTA BE THERE BY THIRTEEN HUNDRED
YOU GET ME SOME SUGAR?
THOUGHT YOU LIKED IT BLACK.

EVERY GOOD FRIEND I'VE MADE STARTED WITH FISTS BEING THROWN.
MOSTLY IN MY DIRECTION.
I WANTED TO KNOCK JOHN STEWART OFF HIS HIGH HORSE. HE SAYS THE FEELING WAS MUTUAL--
--UNTIL HE DISCOVERED WE BELIEVED IN THE SAME THING.
CHALLENGING AUTHORITY.
JOHN IS ALWAYS TRYING TO BUILD A BETTER HOUSE.
THE AIR FORCE?
ISN'T BELONGING TO ONE ORGANIZATION ENOUGH?
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS IS HARDLY ACTIVE.
LAST COUNT THERE WERE FIVE OFFICERS
ALL OF THEM OPERATING IN THE SAME SECTOR
ACTUALLY, KILOWOG'S HEADED BACK TO OA. KYLE'S OFF-WORLD.
WHO KNOWS WHAT GARDNER'S UP TO.
MAN. I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE GAVE ME A WAKE UP CALL.
GUY GAVE YOU A WAKE UP CALL?
I'VE BEEN ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL. GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.
I STOPPED QUESTIONING EVERYTHING. BUT THE UNIVERSE NEEDS SOMEONE TO QUESTION IT.
SO YOU THINK THE CORPS SHOULD BE RESTARTED?
DO YOU?

AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED--
I DON'T THINK IT'S MY PLACE TO SAY. DUTY'S HERE.
SHIP'S UP AHEAD
I SEE IT.
AND I'D GUESS WHOEVER BUILT THIS THING--
WANTED TO KEEP GREEN LANTERNS OUT.
YELLOW.
IT WOULD'VE WORKED BACK IN THE DAY. THE IMPURITY IS TRAPPED IN THE POWER BATTERY AGAIN, BUT WE KNOW ITS NAME NOW.
AND WE KNOW HOW TO BEAT IT.
FEEL FEAR.
OVERCOME IT
NOT A PROBLEM.

FSSSSSSS
KLANK
THIS CONSTRUCTION'S UNREAL. IT'S LIKE ONE SOLID PIECE.
THERE'S NO LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM. NO NAVIGATIONAL COMPUTER.
NOT EVEN A CHAIR.
RING'S NOT PICKING UP ANYTHING ORGANIC.
AND THE FUEL CELLS ARE EMPTY.
THIS WAS A ONE-WAY FLIGHT.
MEANING WHOEVER FLEW HERE DOESN'T PLAN ON GOING BACK.

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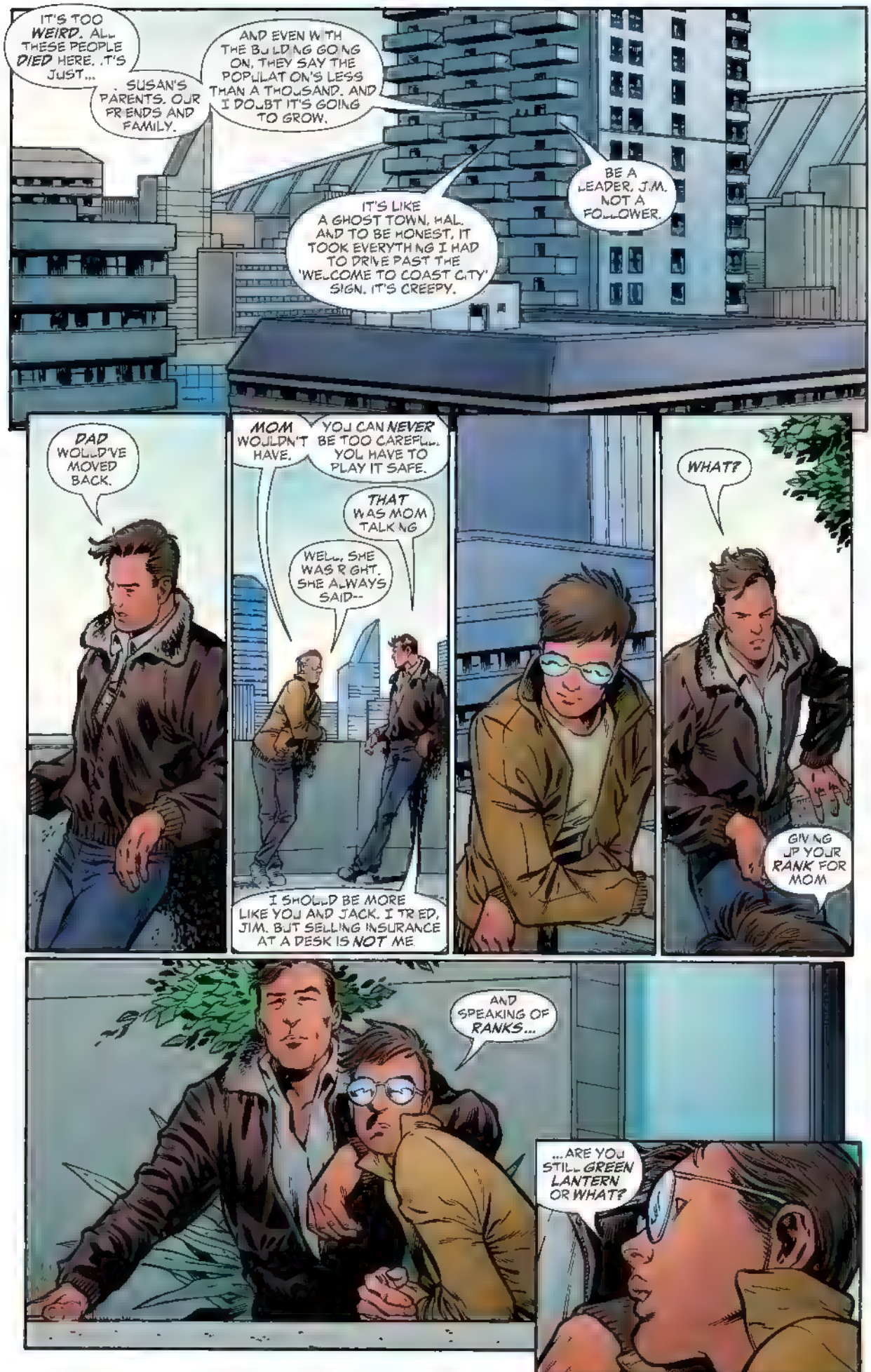
SEARCHING
BARTSOW, CALIFORNIA
TRACE RADIATION LOCATED. PROFESSOR LOCKED
WE WERE JUST TALKING.
WE'RE ENGAGED.
WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE ENGAGED.
AND YOU STILL OPEN THAT SKIRT TO ANYONE IN A UNIFORM.
THEY LOOK RESPECTABLE, MAKES ME FEE--
--UH. HI?
WHO THE HELL IS THIS?
THIS ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR BOYFRIENDS FROM THE BASE, KRISTY?
I NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.
I'M SO DAMN TIRED OF THIS
CHRIS! I SAID I NEVER SEEN HIM!
COME ON.

FOOM
OHMYGOD
CHRIS...
PLEASE.. DON'T..
..PLEASE.

JOHN AND I HAVE NO TRAIL TO FOLLOW HE HEADS TO THE WATCHTOWER.
BATMAN'S THERE.
SO I HEAD HOME.
WHAT'S LEFT OF IT.
BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO. TWENTY MILES OUTSIDE OF EDWARDS A R FORCE BASE.
COAST CITY.
IT HAD THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACHES ON THE WEST COAST J.M AND JACK USED TO GO SURFING WHILE I STAYED AT EDWARDS WITH DAD.
AFTER HE DIED, MOM MOVED US HERE. IT'S WHERE I GREW UP. WHERE I SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE.
UNTIL AN ALIEN WARLORD NAMED MONGUL DESTROYED IT.
OVER TWO MILLION PEOPLE DIED
THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED TO BUILD IT BACK UP. THEY'VE OFFERED TAX INCENTIVES AND INEXPENSIVE HOUSING TO THOSE WHO COME HERE.
BUT NO ONE HAS.

I THINK THEY'RE ALL AFRAID.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

HA..?
JIM?
BRO?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
LATER.
GOT YOUR MESSAGE BUT I HAD TO COME SEE FOR MYSELF.
AND I SEE YOU'RE ST LL WEAR NG DAD S JACKET
HOW ARE SUSAN AND THE KIDS?
WE'RE HANGING IN THERE. OUT IN SACRAMENTO NOW.
YOU'RE THINK NG OF MOV NG BACK?
BACK HERE...?
NO.
NO WAY.


IT'S TOO WEIRD. ALL THESE PEOPLE DIED HERE. IT'S JUST...
. SUSAN'S PARENTS. OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
AND EVEN WITH THE BUILDING GOING ON, THEY SAY THE POPULATION'S LESS THAN A THOUSAND. AND I DOUBT IT'S GOING TO GROW.
IT'S LIKE A GHOST TOWN, HAL. AND TO BE HONEST, IT TOOK EVERYTHING I HAD TO DRIVE PAST THE 'WELCOME TO COAST CITY' SIGN. IT'S CREEPY.
BE A LEADER, JIM. NOT A FOLLOWER.
DAD WOULD'VE MOVED BACK.
MOM WOULDN'T HAVE.
YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL. YOU HAVE TO PLAY IT SAFE.
THAT WAS MOM TALKING
WELL, SHE WAS RIGHT. SHE ALWAYS SAID--
I SHOULD BE MORE LIKE YOU AND JACK. I TRIED, JIM. BUT SELLING INSURANCE AT A DESK IS NOT ME.
WHAT?
GIVING UP YOUR RANK FOR MOM
AND SPEAKING OF RANKS...
...ARE YOU STILL GREEN LANTERN OR WHAT?

BOOM
SHOOOM
WHAT WAS THAT?
RING, POWER CHECK
POWER LEVELS AT 2344%.
JIM.
...YOU MIGHT WANT TO COVER YOUR EYES.
HAL, WAIT
FWASH

RING.
SCAN RADIO FREQUENCIES, LATCH ON TO THE JET AND AMPLIFY.
I WANT TO HEAR WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.
SCANNING. AMPLIFYING.
...ABORT, CAPTAIN. ENGINE'S STALLED.
SYSTEMS ARE SHORTED OUT AND OFF-LINE.
I C-C-CAN RECOVER...
KLOOM
YOU'RE BREAKING APART. EJECT.
GJY'S GOT GUTS.

I'VE NEVER SEEN A PLANE LIKE THIS.
THRUSTERS ARE UNREAL
LOVE TO FLY IT
HELP IS ALREADY ON THE WAY GOOD.
HOPE HE'S ALL

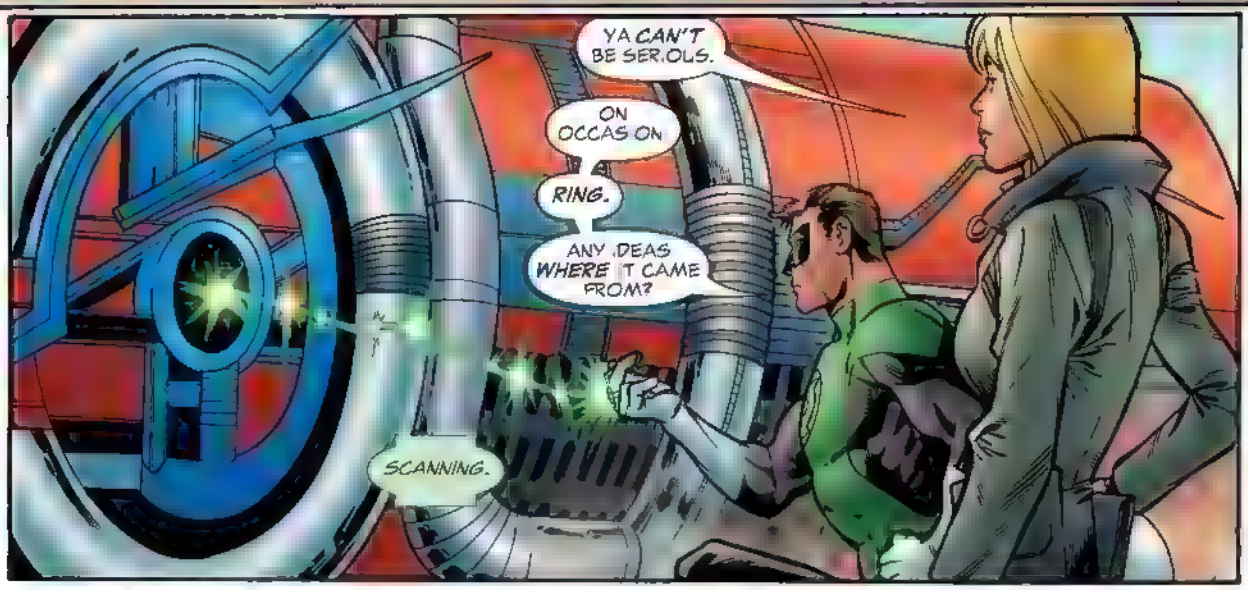
THANKS FOR THE SAVE, SUPER HERO.
YELLOW.
MY ONE WEAKNESS
YOU WOULD'VE BLOWN PAST MACH SEVEN IF YOU KEPT THE WING.
THEY SAY THE X-2020'S GONNA DO TEN BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE.
SORRY I HAD TO INTERVENE.
FUNNY
YA DON'T LOOK SO SORRY.

CAPTAIN JILLIAN PEARLMAN.
THEY CALL ME COWGIRL.
YOU'RE GREEN LANTERN, RIGHT?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
I'M GETTING THAT A LOT.
DO YOU SEE IT?
WHAT THE HELL IS IT?
EVERYONE CROWDS AROUND
EGO SAYS IT'S BECAUSE OF ME.
BUT THEY'RE LOOKING PAST THE GREEN LIGHT --
--AND AT THE PLANE.
WHATEVER KIND OF ENGINE IS INSIDE THIS MONSTER--
-- IT ISN'T FROM EARTH.

EDWARDS
AIR FORCE BASE:
17 miles

WHAT IN THE WORLD?
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
AH, FOR CR*PES' SAKE!
WE GOT A SCHEDULE TO KEEP
HOW'D HE GET WAY OUT HERE?
MAYBE HE NEEDS HELP.
HEY BUDDY!
YOU NEED A LIFT OR SOMETHIN'?
NO.
BAKOOM
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE: 17 miles

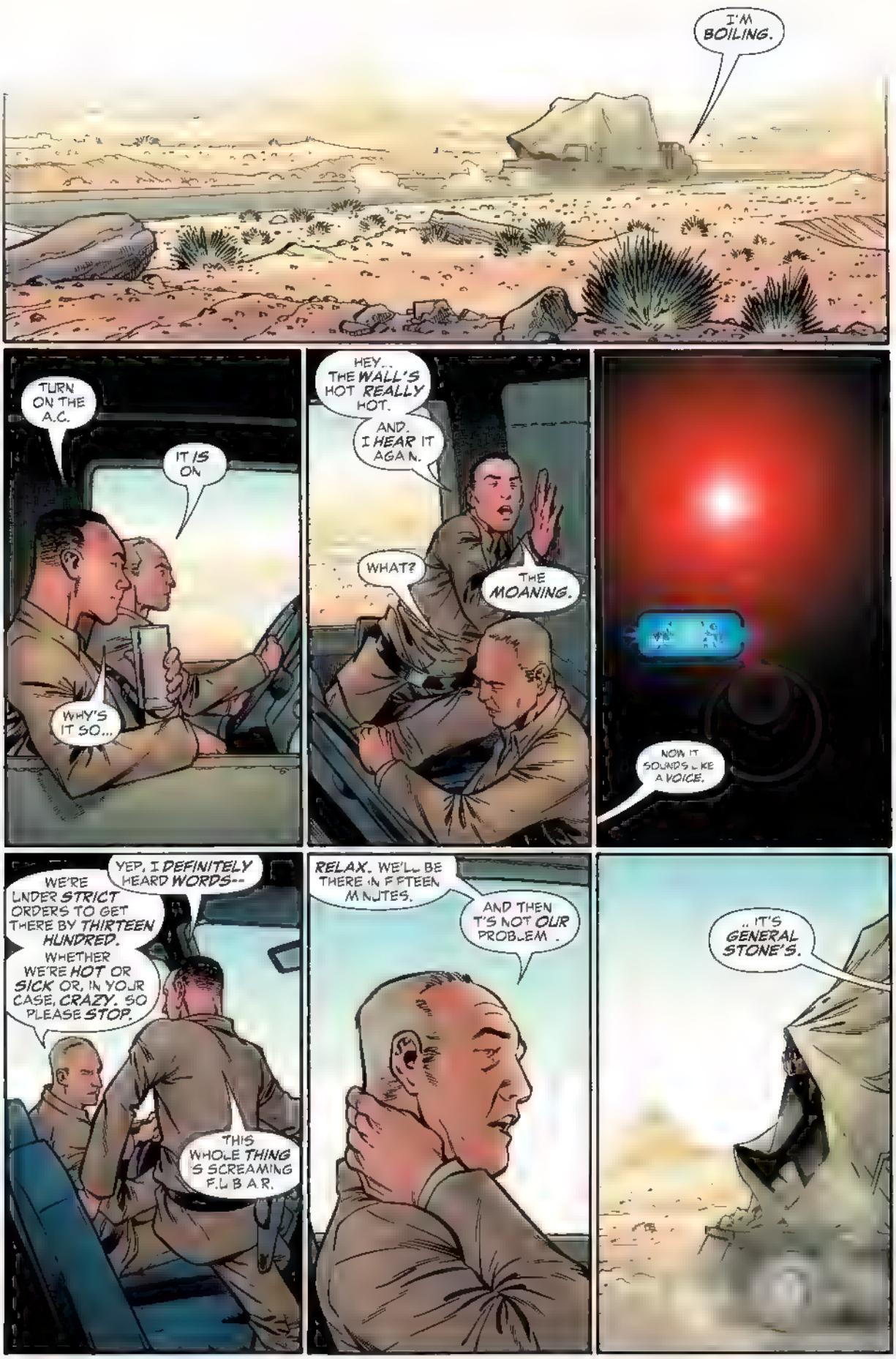
EDWARDS A.R FORCE BASE.
IT ISN'T FROM EARTH.
SO THE TEST JET I WAS RIDIN'--?
HAS A U.F.O UNDER THE HOOD
NO FEAR


YA CAN'T BE SER.OUS.
ON OCCAS ON
RING.
ANY .DEAS WHERE IT CAME FROM?
SCANNING.

SO THAT TRINKET THERE TALKS--?
--OW.
THE GREEN ON YOUR UNIFORM.. IT'S HOT.
IT'S NOT FABRIC.
AND THE BLACK IS COLD.
MOST OF THE TIME
Uh, huh.
SCANNING COMPLETE.
REPORT.
SCRAMJET MANUFACTURED WITHIN THREE RADIUS MILES.
INLET DESIGN AUSTRALIAN IN ORIGIN.
COMBUSTION CHAMBER EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL IN ORIGIN. SPACE SECTOR UNKNOWN.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT THE DESIGN.
SO WHAT'S IT MEAN, SUPER-HERO?
I THINK PART OF THIS JET WAS REVERSE ENGINEERED.
CAPTAIN PEARLMAN.

GENERAL STONE.
AND... GREEN LANTERN. IT APPEARS THE REPORTS OF YOUR DEATH WERE WRONG.
SEEMS THAT WAY
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
GENERAL JONATHAN "HERC" STONE.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD SALUTE WITH A HAND--
--OR A FINGER.
...USE THAT LUMP ON YOUR SHOULDERS ONCE IN AWHILE.
I JUST TOOK HER UP FOR A SPIN, MAJOR.
WITHOUT CLEARANCE AND WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, JOYRIDING LIKE IT WAS YOUR LAST FLIGHT, JORDAN.
YOU CROSSED THE PATH OF SELLERS' F16 AND SENT YOURSELF INTO A TAILSPIN.
I RECOVERED AND LANDED HER ON A DIME.
YOU NEARLY GOT YOURSELF AND ANOTHER PILOT KILLED--
--AND IF YOU WERE ANYONE ELSE, I'D END YOUR CAREER RIGHT NOW.
DON'T PLAY FAVORITES.
MY BROTHER WAS ALMOST RIGHT.
I OWE YOUR DAD A LOT.
BUT IT WASN'T JUST HARD TO QUIT.
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.
SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER SHOT.
WELL.
I HAD TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT.
...ONE GOOD SHOT DESERVES ANOTHER.
SHANE TELLS ME STONE'S COMMANDER OF THE FLIGHT TEST CENTER NOW.
MEANING THE ONLY WAY I'LL BE ALLOWED BACK INTO THE AF IS IF I GET HIS STAMP OF APPROVAL.
POLITICS GRUDGES MISTAKES.

WELCOME BACK TO LIFE.
THE ENGINEERS WILL TAKE THE X-2020 IN FOR REPAIRS
CAPTAIN PEARLMAN, WHY DON'T WE GIVE YOU A RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALL--
I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT I WAS FLYING, GENERAL
SO WOULD I.
IT'S CLASSIFIED.
IT'S EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL.
ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE HERE AT EDWARDS, GREEN LANTERN--THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE--
BUT WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
UNDERSTOOD... SIR.


I'M BOILING.
TURN ON THE A.C.
IT IS ON
WHY'S IT SO...
HEY... THE WALL'S HOT REALLY HOT.
AND. I HEAR IT AGAIN.
WHAT?
THE MOANING.
NOW IT SOUNDS LIKE A VOICE.
YEP, I DEFINITELY HEARD WORDS--
WE'RE UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO GET THERE BY THIRTEEN HUNDRED. WHETHER WE'RE HOT OR SICK OR, IN YOUR CASE, CRAZY. SO PLEASE STOP.
THIS WHOLE THING S SCREAMING F.U.B.A.R.
RELAX. WE'LL BE THERE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.
AND THEN IT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM.
.. IT'S GENERAL STONE'S.

BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA.
...NOT PICKING UP ANY SUBSTANTIAL OR SPECIFIC ENERGY SIGNATURES, BUT THE DESTRUCTION HERE, ALONG WITH THE REPORTS OF A LIGHT IN THE SKY, TELL ME THIS MIGHT BE OUR MISSING ASTRONAUT.
THERE'S NO TRAIL, THOUGH. THE READINGS ARE SCATTERED.
AND I'M BETTING ON PURPOSE.
JOHN?
THERE WAS SOME KIND OF CRASH A FEW MILES FROM HERE. A TOUR BUS.
I'M GOING TO GO SEE IF I CAN HELP.
I'VE GOT WORK HERE AT EDWARDS, JOHN
BUT LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED BACKUP.
YOU DO THE SAME
COPY THAT.

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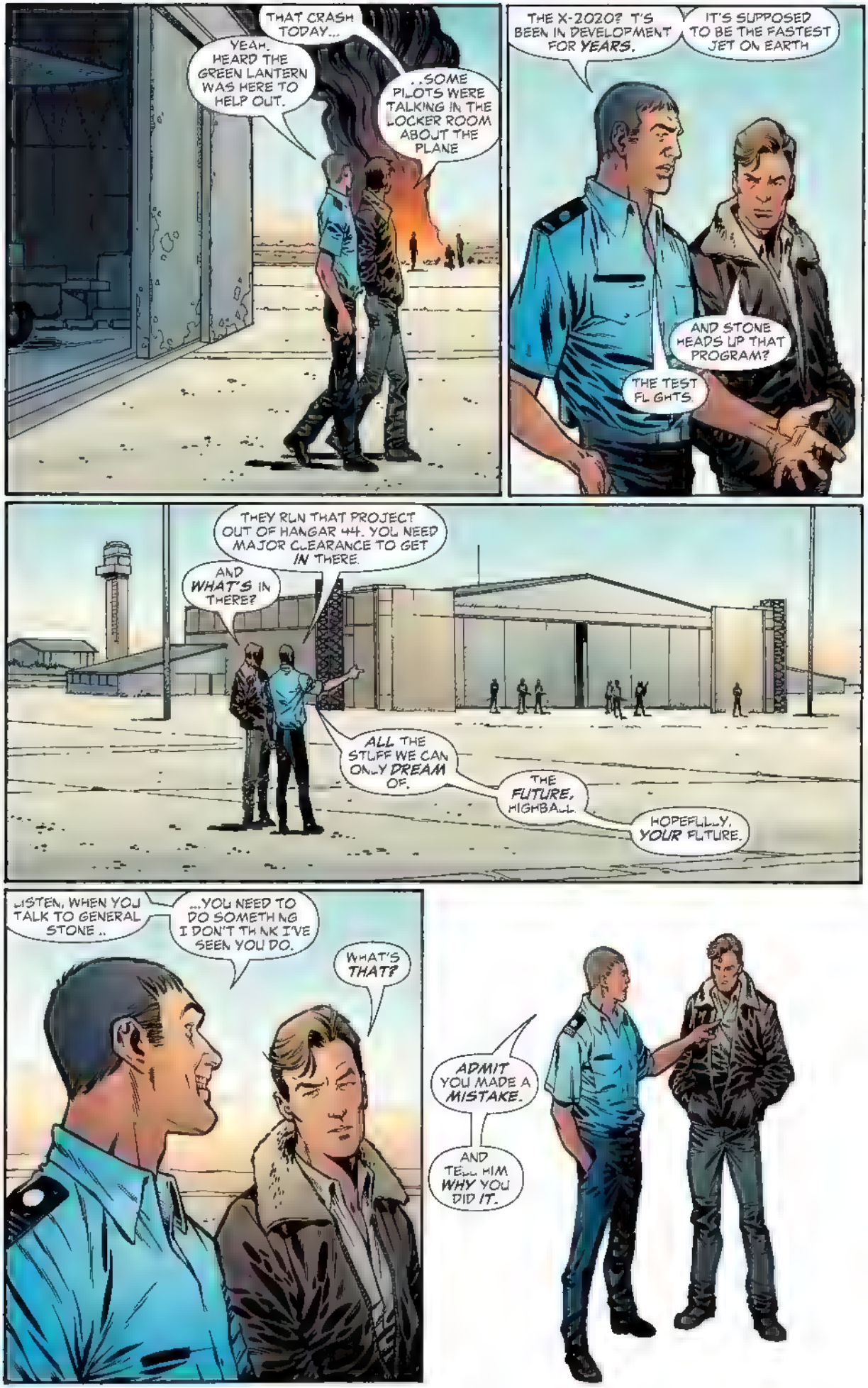
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE DAD.
ACT LIKE H M. TOO
I'M SORRY I HAD TO FLY OUT LIKE THAT.
I'M GONNA HEAD OUT MYSELF
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO SUSAN AND THE KIDS ..
...BUT I'M HOP NG YOU'LL COME W TH ME
COME WITH YOU WHERE?
WHEN WE LOST DAD, I WAS TOO YOUNG TO REALLY KNOW WHAT IT MEANT WHEN MOM D ED...YOU WERE THERE. AND I DIDN'T TAKE T WELL. THEN I THOUGHT YOU D ED.
AND LAST YEAR WHEN JACK WENT.. I REALIZED THERE WAS NOTHING SCARIER THAN BE NG ALONE.
WHERE WERE YOU, HAL?
IT'S A LONG STORY, JIM.
TELL ME.
WHAT MATTERS NOW S THAT I'M HERE.

BUT I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS THE ONE TRYING TO BRING ME BACK INTO THE FOLD.
EVEN WHEN MOM DIDN'T WANT YOU TO
WHEN YOU RAN AWAY TO JOIN THE AIR FORCE, SHE WAS HURT. THAT'S ALL.
SHE WOULDN'T TALK TO ME.
SHE WAS ON HER DEATH BED AND SHE WOULDN'T TALK TO ME.
NOT UNTIL I QUIT...
QUIT NOW, HAL. FORGET THE JETS AND THAT RING.
COME BACK TO SACRAMENTO WITH ME. GET A JOB THERE, AWAY FROM THIS PLACE.
THIS IS OUR HOME.
THIS CITY IS A GHOST TOWN.
THIS CITY IS A SECOND CHANCE.
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, HAL?!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOME OTHER PSYCHO BLOWS IT UP!
YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY JORDANS LEFT.
I WON'T LIVE IN FEAR, JIM.
I CAN'T.

...CALL THE HOSPITAL AND MAKE SURE COWGIRL'S ALL RIGHT.
AND CANCEL THE FLIGHTS TODAY. WE'LL HIT THE SIMULATORS.
YES, COLONEL SELLERS
SHANE.
JORDAN?
HOW DID YOU...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MERC. ABOUT GENERAL STONE.
GOD, YOU'RE PERSISTENT AS EVER
LOOK. THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS JUST *APOLOGIZE*. I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SET UP A MEETING.
PLUS, HE FLEW WITH YOUR DAD. THAT PROBABLY COUNTS FOR *SOMETHING*.
WHAT'S HE DO HERE?
BES DES RUNNING THE TEST CENTER?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


THAT CRASH TODAY...
YEAH. HEARD THE GREEN LANTERN WAS HERE TO HELP OUT.
..SOME PILOTS WERE TALKING IN THE LOCKER ROOM ABOUT THE PLANE
THE X-2020? IT'S BEEN IN DEVELOPMENT FOR YEARS.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE FASTEST JET ON EARTH
AND STONE HEADS UP THAT PROGRAM?
THE TEST FLIGHTS
THEY RUN THAT PROJECT OUT OF HANGAR 44. YOU NEED MAJOR CLEARANCE TO GET IN THERE.
AND WHAT'S IN THERE?
ALL THE STUFF WE CAN ONLY DREAM OF.
THE FUTURE, HIGHBALL.
HOPEFULLY, YOUR FUTURE.
LISTEN, WHEN YOU TALK TO GENERAL STONE ..
...YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN YOU DO.
WHAT'S THAT?
ADMIT YOU MADE A MISTAKE.
AND TELL HIM WHY YOU DID IT.

I'VE GOT TO GET TO CLASS.
I'M GOING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH YOU AND STONE FOR TOMORROW
THANKS, SHANE...
...I'LL SEE YA TOMORROW.
WARNING
EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL SENTIENCE WITHIN ONE HUNDRED METERS. ANALYZING THREAT.

HEY, YOU BOYS ALL RIGHT?
Y-YEAH JUST... JUST A LITTLE. HOT.
MY HEAD. IT... IT WON'T STOP POUNDING.
KRRNCH
I TOLD YOU!
I TOLD YOU THIS WAS-
BOOOOOOOOM
WHAT THE HELL--?

BRRAD
BRRRD

COAST CITY
DOWNTOWN
...CONGRESS IS NOW REANALYZING THEIR PROPOSED PLANS FOR REBUILDING COAST CITY DUE TO THE VERY LOW NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE ACTUALLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW METROPOLIS...
...DESPITE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUCH COMPANIES AS WAYNE ENTERPRISES AND THE DONATION OF MOST OF THE MATERIALS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, RUMORS PERSIST...
...CONSTRUCTION COULD BE HALTED AS EARLY AS NEXT--
COAST CITY
KLK
BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
SORRY, BRO.

FAP
EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL THREAT DETERMINED
MANHUNTER. THREE POINT THREE BILLIONS YEARS IN AGE. MEMBER OF AN ANDROID RACE CREATED BY THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.
PREDECESSORS OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
R'GHT BACK ATCHA!
EVACUATE THE AREA!
MOVE!
THE MANHUNTERS WERE DETERMINED UNRELIABLE FOR SPACE PATROL. FLAW FOUND WITHIN BASIC ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CORE UNIT.
THE MANHUNTERS FEEL NO EMOTION.
LOOM
PROGRAMMING INEFFICIENT TO REPLICATE COURAGE, COMPASSION--
--OR FEAR.
HOOM

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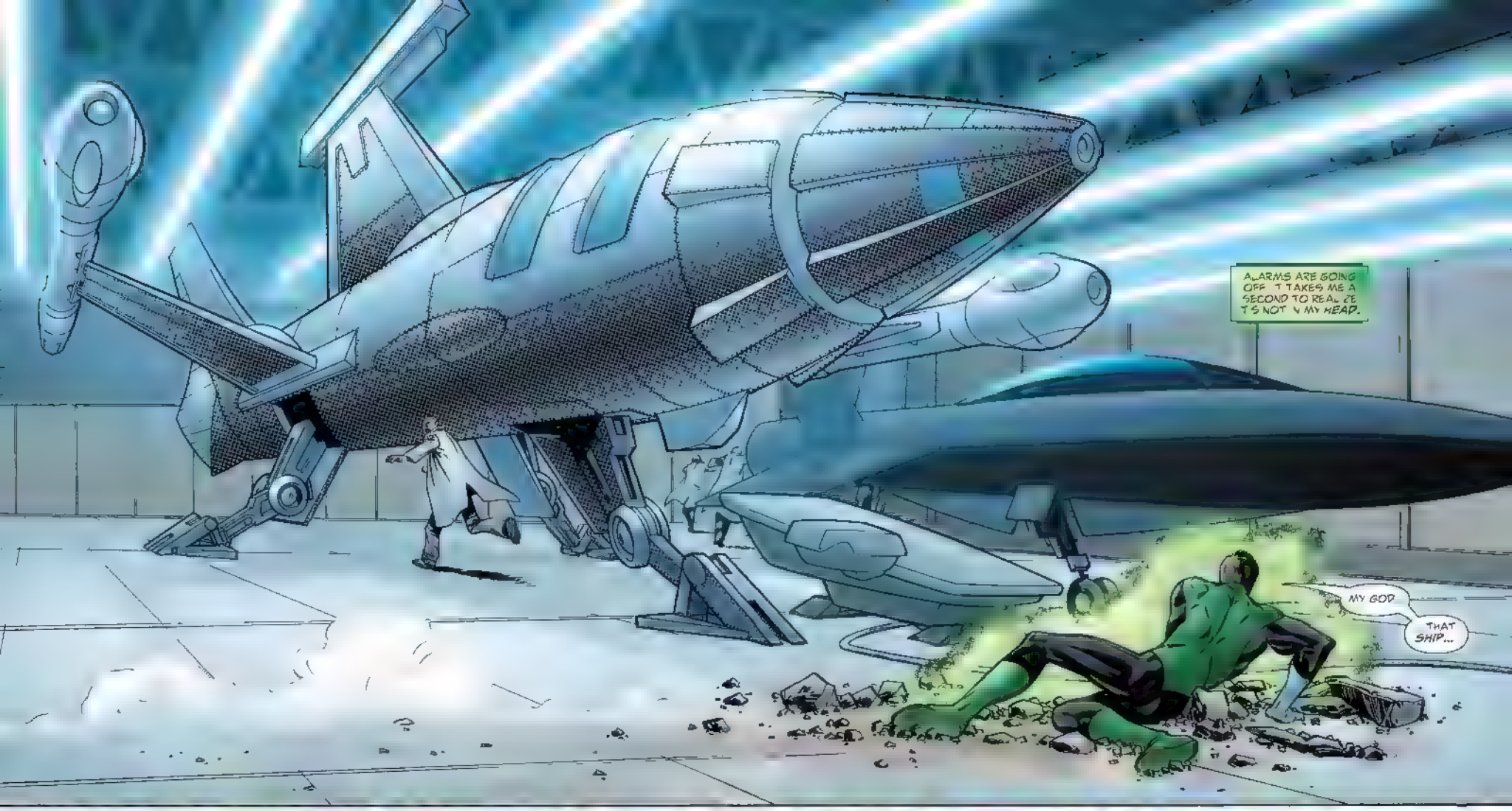
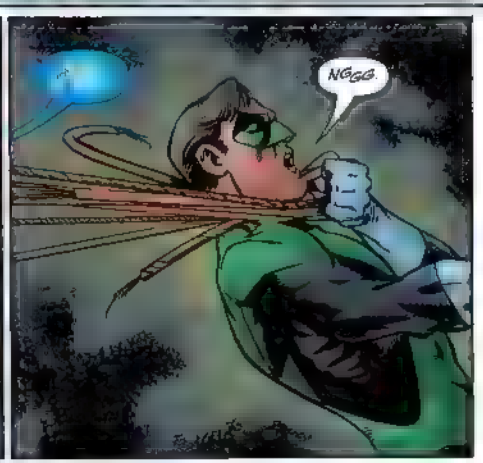
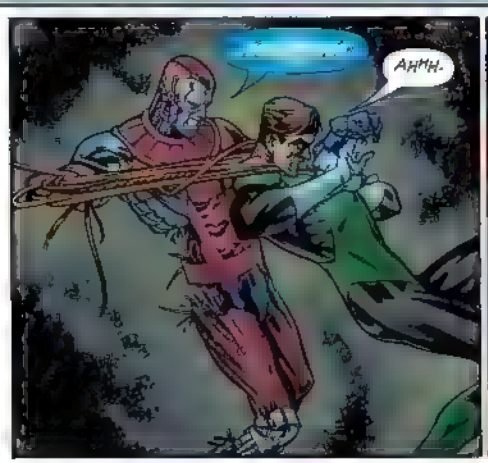

ALARMS ARE GOING OFF. IT TAKES ME A SECOND TO REALIZE IT'S NOT IN MY HEAD.
MY GOD.
THAT SHIP...

THAT'S ABIN SUR'S SHIP
RECONSTRUCTED AND REBUILT


NGGG.


AHHH.

FZZAK
HNN.

I DON'T RECOGN ZE H M.
MUST BE SOME NEW SUPER-HERO THAT APPEARED WHILE I WAS GONE.
THANKS FOR THE HAND.
WARNING EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL SENTIENT PRESENT
WARNING GREEN LANTERN BIONATICS ENFIED
BOOM
OR NOT.

PREDE[illegible] FOUND PROBA[illegible] MINE
MANHUNTER 1988.2814--
--YOU ARE OF ORIGINAL DESIGN. FLAWED. OLD. OBSOLETE.
BY ORDER OF THE GRAND-MASTER--
--YOU MUST BE TERMINATED.
MY BEAM IS USUALLY A PURE THOUGHT. STRAIGHT AND FOCUSED.
ALL OF MY STRAY THOUGHTS, EVERYTHING IN MY HEAD THAT ISN'T ABOUT GETTING THE JOB DONE--IS THROWN ASIDE IN A GREEN AFTERBURNER.
NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.
BOOM
I TURN IT BACKWARDS ON THIS GUY, HOPING TO SLOW HIM DOWN.
KOOOM
BUT IT DOESN'T.
BOOOM
HNNN.
TERRESTRIAL[illegible] DECLARED!
GREEN LANTERN...

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
HANGAR 44
MANHUNTER 1988 2814 YOU HAVE BEEN TARGETED FOR REPLACEMENT.
MANHUNTER. ESCAPEEES.
VRRR
BOOM
YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION SIX-FIVE-TWO OF THE BOOK OF OA.
ENDANGERING INNOCENT LIFE WITHIN AN AUTHORIZED MILITARY INSTALLATION.
FWP
FWP
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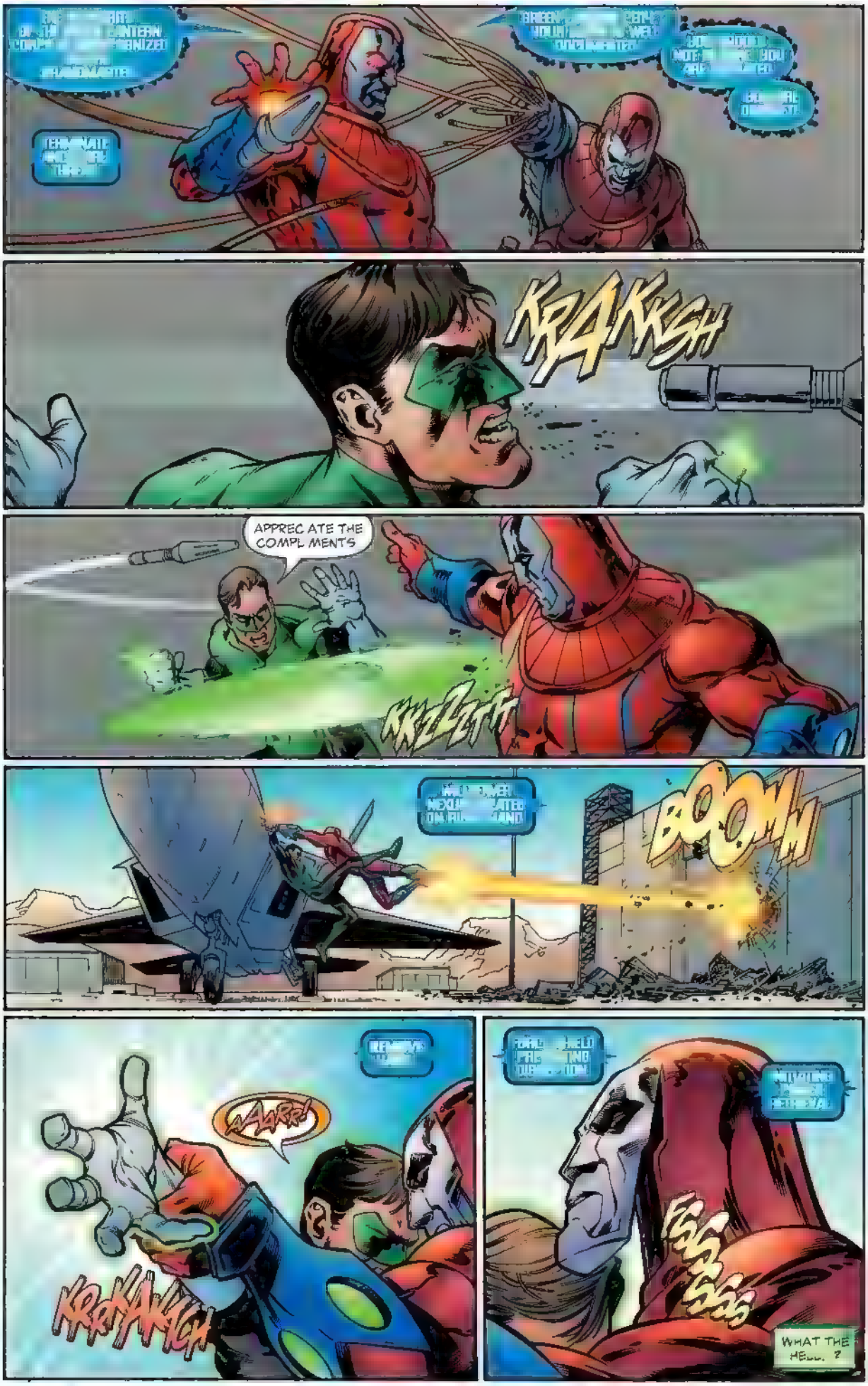
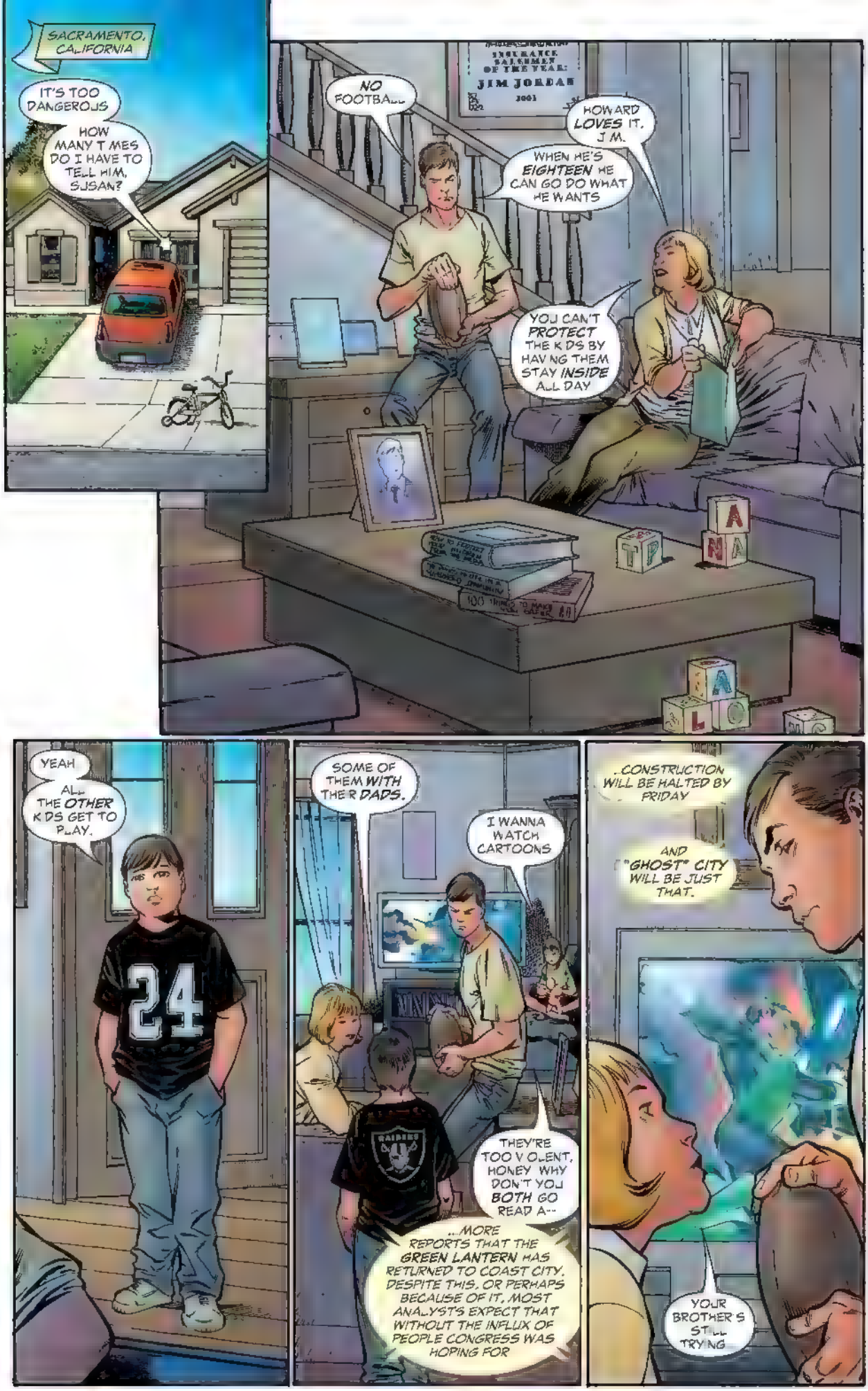

KRAKKSH
APPREC ATE THE COMPL MENTS
KKZZTT
BOOM!
AARR!
KRRAAKK
WHAT THE HE... ?

POWER LEVELS AT 65 4%
THE DAMN THING HAS A POWER BATTERY FOR A SKULL.
POWER LEVELS AT 24 8%
Nnn!
AND A STEEL VISE FOR A GRIP.
KRAK!
ARRR!
POWER LEVELS AT 3 3%.
WHOOSHH!!
WARNING POWER LEVELS AT 2 5%

GREEN LANTERN... ARE YOU ALL--
hmm.
WHERE.. WHERE'D IT GO?
IT FLEW OFF AFTER THE OTHER ONE. DUE WEST.
TOWARDS COAST CITY?
WARNING. POWER LEVEL AT 1.2%
DAMM T.
NOT ENOUGH JUICE LEFT TO FLY OR CONTACT JOHN FROM THIS DISTANCE... LET ALONE TAKE ON TWO MANHUNTERS
BATTERY'S IN MY APARTMENT.
I NEED A RIDE.
GREEN LANTERN.
WE'RE TRACKING THE OBJECT--
IF THAT MANHUNTER'S SELF DESTRUCT GETS TRIGGERED WE'RE IN TROUBLE.
I'VE SEEN THEM DETONATE IN SPACE. IT'S LIKE A NUKE GOING OFF
I NEED TO BORROW ONE OF YOUR JETS
WE APPRECIATE THE HELP, GREEN LANTERN BUT WE'LL HANDLE--
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND--
LANTERN, THIS IS CLASSIFIED
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR RED TAPE!

STUPID MOVE. JORDAN GARDNER WOULD BE PROUD.
CHAK CHAK CHAK CHAK
I COULD HAVE YOU ARRESTED.
BUT YOU SHOULD LET HIM FLY.
HE SAVED OUR BUTTS TODAY, GENERAL STONE.
I'M AWARE OF THAT, SELLERS
THEN GIVE HIM ANOTHER SHOT.
..AUTHORIZE CLEARANCE.
GET HIM IN THE AIR.
YOU SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO HANDLE A RAPTOR?
I'LL BRING HER BACK W THOUT A SCRATCH.
PREPARE TO CONTACT THE CONSTRUCTION CREWS N COAST CITY.
THEY MAY HAVE TO EVACUATE.
YES, SIR
JUST WHEN THOSE POOR PEOPLE WERE GETTING STARTED, TOO


SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL HIM, SUSAN?
INSURANCE SALESMEN OF THE YEAR: JIM JORDAN 2001
NO FOOTBALL
HOWARD LOVES IT, J.M.
WHEN HE'S EIGHTEEN HE CAN GO DO WHAT HE WANTS
YOU CAN'T PROTECT THE KIDS BY HAVING THEM STAY INSIDE ALL DAY
YEAH ALL THE OTHER KIDS GET TO PLAY.
SOME OF THEM WITH THEIR DADS.
I WANNA WATCH CARTOONS
THEY'RE TOO VIOLENT, HONEY WHY DON'T YOU BOTH GO READ A--
...MORE REPORTS THAT THE GREEN LANTERN HAS RETURNED TO COAST CITY. DESPITE THIS, OR PERHAPS BECAUSE OF IT, MOST ANALYSTS EXPECT THAT WITHOUT THE INFLUX OF PEOPLE CONGRESS WAS HOPING FOR
...CONSTRUCTION WILL BE HALTED BY FRIDAY
AND "GHOST" CITY WILL BE JUST THAT.
YOUR BROTHER'S STILL TRYING

"...WHY DON'T WE?"
WARNING. POWER LEVELS AT 0.7%.
THE JET FROM THIS MORNING--THE ENGINE WAS REVERSE ENGINEERED FROM A MANHUNTER, RIGHT?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE STRAIGHT WITH ME, GENERAL.
LOOK, IT'S NO SECRET THAT THERE'S ALL KINDS OF ALIEN TECH ACROSS THE PLANET
AND THERE'S BEEN A STRICT POLICY AMONG YOU UNIFORMED TYPES TO KEEP IT OUT OF THE HANDS OF ANY GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT
BUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECTS IN HANGAR 44 STARTED LONG BEFORE THE SKIES WERE CROWDED WITH "SUPER-HEROES."
"THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, I WAS SENT TO CHECK UP ON REPORTS OF A FLYING SAUCER SIGHTED WEST OF COAST CITY.
"WE PICKED UP WHAT PIECES WE COULD FIND AND WE STARTED REBUILDING THE SHIP FROM THE GROUND UP.
"BUT WE COULD NEVER REPLICATE ITS ENGINE.
"NOT UNTIL A FEW YEARS LATER, IT WAS AFTER THOSE MANHUNTER ANDROIDS ATTACKED EARTH.
"--BUT WE PULLED ONE OUT OF THE LOUISIANA BAYOU.
"YEARS OF STUDYING PAID OFF, AND THE TEAM HERE CRACKED THE PROPULSION SYSTEM.
"THE X-2020 WAS BORN.
"WE LOANED THE ROBOT OUT TO OUR FRIENDS AT NELLIS. THEY FAILED TO UNLOCK THE A.I. PROCESSORS..
"WE THOUGHT YOU DESTROYED THEM ALL--
" BUT SEVEN WEEKS AGO, SOMEHOW, THE THING POWERED BACK ON."

THEY SPENT THE LAST TWO MONTHS TRYING TO TAP INTO ITS C.P.U. WITHOUT SUCCESS
THEY WERE SENDING THE MANHUNTER BACK TO US SO WE COULD DISMANTLE IT.
WHEN DID IT REACTIVATE?
SEVEN WEEKS AGO TO THE DAY
WHEN IT WENT ON-LINE IT MUST'VE SENT OUT A DISTRESS SIGNAL...AND GOT THE ATTENTION OF THE OTHER ONE.
THIS WAS STRICTLY FOR ENGINE AND COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT. NO ONE WAS SUPPOSED TO GET HURT.
LET'S HOPE NO ONE ELSE DOES.
MAYBE THIS MESS ISN'T THEIR FAULT.
KLK
MAYBE IT'S MINE.
BABOOM

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YELP
COME ON, JORDAN.
KEEP HER STEADY.
KOOM!!!
BLOOM!!!

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT--
--NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT--
--LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT--
--BEWARE MY POWER--
KLANK

--GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
KLT

POWER LEVELS AT 100%
YELP
DETONATION IN THIRTY SECONDS
YELP
ESTIMATED DAMAGE: COMPLETE DESTRUCTION WITHIN TWENTY-FIVE MILES.
SURVIVORS IN SIMULATED BLAST: ZERO
TELL ME HOW TO SHUT OFF THE SELF-DESTRUCT.
YELP
UNABLE TO UNLOCK MANHUNTER BINARY CODE IN LESS THAN SIX POINT SEVEN HOURS
YELP
DETONATION IN TWENTY SECONDS.
COME ON RUSTY WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE.

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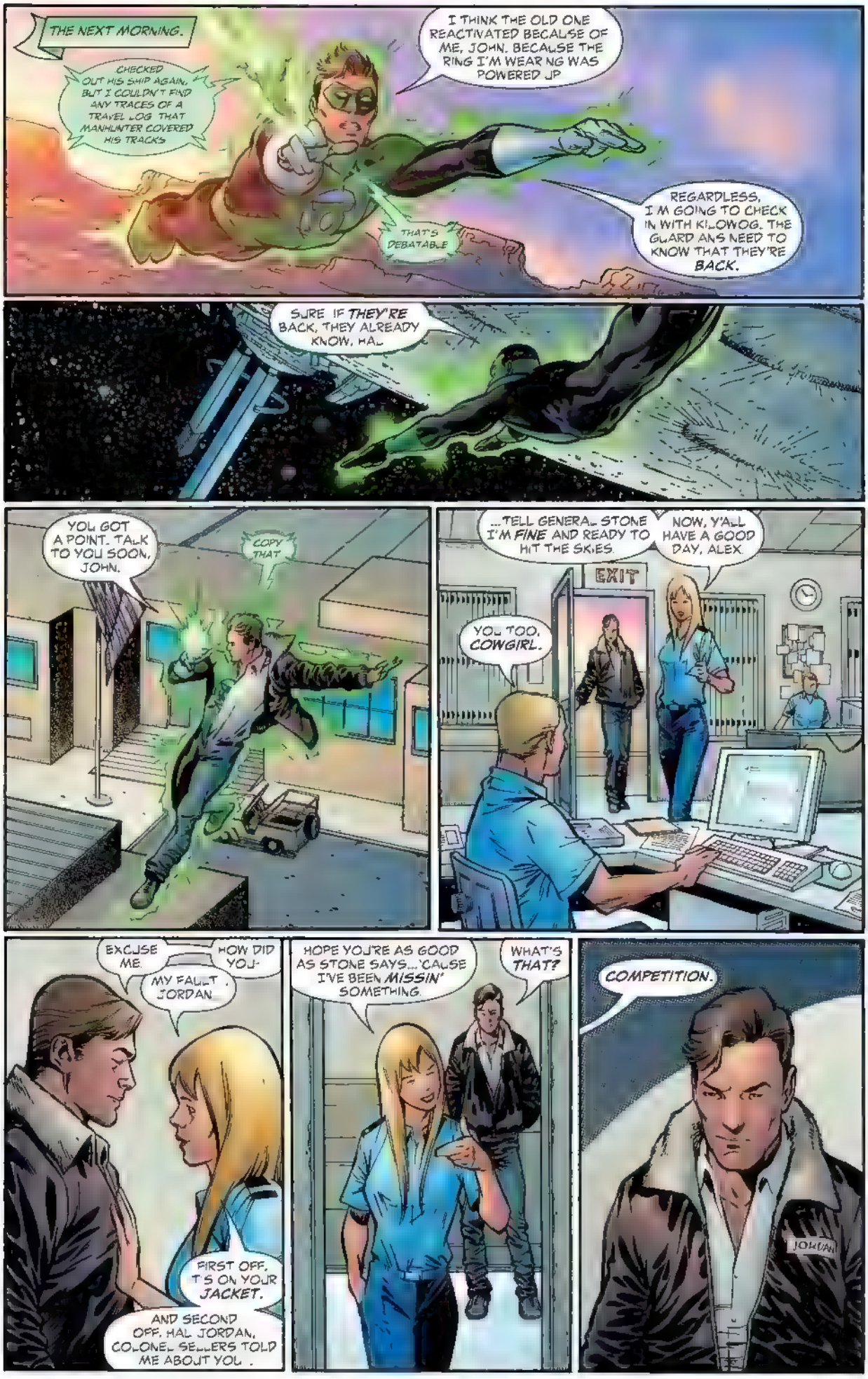
DETONATION IN FIFTEEN SECONDS.
I DON'T NEED A COUNTDOWN, RING.
YOU FEEL FEAR.
YELP


THE NEXT MORNING.
I THINK THE OLD ONE REACTIVATED BECAUSE OF ME, JOHN. BECAUSE THE RING I'M WEARING WAS POWERED UP
CHECKED OUT HIS SHIP AGAIN, BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY TRACES OF A TRAVEL LOG THAT MANHUNTER COVERED HIS TRACKS
THAT'S DEBATABLE
REGARDLESS, I'M GOING TO CHECK IN WITH KILOWOG. THE GUARDIANS NEED TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE BACK.
SURE IF THEY'RE BACK, THEY ALREADY KNOW, HAL.
YOU GOT A POINT. TALK TO YOU SOON, JOHN.
COPY THAT
...TELL GENERAL STONE I'M FINE AND READY TO HIT THE SKIES.
NOW, Y'ALL HAVE A GOOD DAY, ALEX.
EXIT
YOU TOO, COWGIRL.
EXCUSE ME.
HOW DID YOU-
MY FAULT, JORDAN.
FIRST OFF, IT'S ON YOUR JACKET.
AND SECOND OFF, HAL JORDAN, COLONEL SELLERS TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.
HOPE YOU'RE AS GOOD AS STONE SAYS... 'CAUSE I'VE BEEN MISSIN' SOMETHING.
WHAT'S THAT?
COMPETITION.
JORDAN

COLONEL SELLERS FILLED ME IN ON YOUR REQUEST TO GET BACK INTO THE TEST FLIGHT PROGRAM.
HE SAID YOU'D BE WILLING TO JOIN CLASS 05B
YES, SIR
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
I
I WANTED TO EXPLAIN MY ACTIONS.
WHEN I WAS DISCHARGED... I, .
LOOK, I COULD GIVE YOU EXCUSE AFTER EXCUSE FOR WHAT I DID WRONG AND WHY. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY--
--IT WAS MY MISTAKE. I REGRET IT AND I APOLOGIZE.
THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO HEAR.
WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. IF YOU WANT BACK IN, YOU'RE IN. BESIDES...
...IT'D BE A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE GREEN LANTERN IN THE U.S.A.F.
WHAT?
I'VE BEEN POPPED IN THE JAW TWICE IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, JORDAN.
...SOME KNUCKLES HAVE A CERTAIN RING TO 'EM.
THIS COULD REALLY BENEFIT EACH OF US.
WELCOME BACK, CAPTAIN.
UHM... THANKS.
WHY DO I SUDDENLY THINK...

...THIS MIGHT'VE BEEN A MISTAKE?
ALL OF IT.
THAT MANHUNTER'S LAST WORDS ARE STILL STUCK IN MY HEAD.
IT "LIVED" FOR OVER THREE BILLION YEARS AND IT NEVER FELT A DAMN SHRED OF EMOTION.
AND THEN--IN ITS LAST MOMENT OF EXISTENCE--IT FINALLY FIGURES ONE OUT.
I LOOK AROUND TODAY, AT THE WAY WE LIVE
...WE'RE ARMING SECURITY SYSTEMS, PUTTING METAL DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS AND LOOKING OVER OUR SHOULDERS ON AIRPLANES.
THE NEWS SHOUTS "TONIGHT AT ELEVEN, FIND OUT WHICH MAJOR DRUG COMPANY COULD MAKE YOU SICK."
IS THIS THE LIFE I'M COMING BACK TO?
IS THIS THE STRONGEST EMOTION IN THE UNIVERSE?
IS FEAR WHAT CONTROLS EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING?

YEAH
I DIDN'T THINK SO.
UHH...THE CITY'S A LOT DARKER THAN I THOUGHT
NO ONE'S HOME TO TURN THE LIGHTS ON
MOM! MOM, LOOK!
WOW!
ADAMS AVENUE

THE ARTIFICIAL PLANET OF BIOT
SPACE SECTOR. UNKNOWN.
LET THEM, MY MANHUNTERS.
YOUR FORMER LEADER LACKED THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT IN HIS PROGRAM. I DO NOT.
WE NEED THE RINGS BACK ON-LINE..
AND THEN NOTHING WILL ESCAPE US
NOT EVEN HAL JORDAN...

TEN MILES OUTSIDE OF EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
DID YOU SEE THAT BLONDE IN THE COWBOY HAT?
EVERYONE DID
I SHOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING
YOU SPENT THE NIGHT TALKING ABOUT TALKING TO EVERY GIRL IN THE BAR.
ME? I GOT A PHONE NUMBER FROM THAT BRUNETTE WITH THE TATTOO ON HER STOMACH
IT'S PROBABLY DISCONNECTED
NO WAY
CALL IT THEN.
IT'S THREE IN THE MORNING.
DISCONNECTED
ALL RIGHT, I'LL
WHAT THE HELL--?
SKREEEEEE

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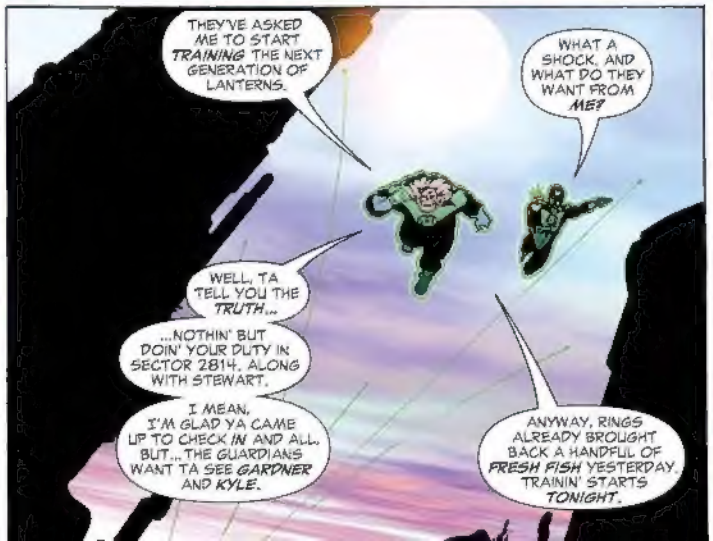
WELCOME BACK TO OA, KID.
LOOKS LIKE *FIREWORKS*.
RINGS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYING FOR THE LAST FOUR DAYS AND NIGHTS.
SO GANTHET'S STARTING THE *CORPS* BACK UP.

GANTHET AND THE *REST* OF THE *GUARDIANS*.
SEARCHING SPACE SECTOR 1417 FOR POTENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE
APPARENTLY, AS SOON AS PARALLAX WAS TOSSED BACK INTA THE BATTERY, GANTHET SPROUTED THE BABIES UP TO *ADULTHOOD*. EVEN GOT A FEW *FEMALES* THIS TIME AROUND.
SEARCHING SPACE SECTOR 2682 FOR POTENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE
THEN THEY *LOCKED* THEMSELVES UP IN THE *CITADEL* AND HAVE BEEN TALKIN' TA ME THROUGH THE *RING*.


THEY'VE ASKED ME TO START *TRAINING* THE NEXT GENERATION OF LANTERNS.
WHAT A SHOCK. AND WHAT DO THEY WANT FROM *ME*?
WELL, TA TELL YOU THE *TRUTH*...
...NOTHIN' BUT DOIN' YOUR DUTY IN SECTOR 2814, ALONG WITH STEWART.
I MEAN, I'M GLAD YA CAME UP TO CHECK *IN* AND ALL. BUT... THE GUARDIANS WANT TA SEE *GARDNER* AND *KYLE*.
ANYWAY, RINGS ALREADY BROUGHT BACK A HANDFUL OF *FRESH FISH* YESTERDAY. TRAININ' STARTS *TONIGHT*.

GOOD *LUCK*, KILOWOG.
IS THAT WHAT I *THINK* IT IS?

IT LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN!
HUMANS? I THOUGHT THEY WERE EXTINCT.
UGLY, AREN'T THEY?
THEY DON'T KNOW WHO I AM...
A FEW OF THE VETS ARE GONNA BE OFFERED THEIR BADGES BACK, BUT MOST OF THE RINGSLINGERS'LL BE NEW.
...THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR...
THE UNIVERSE IS A DAMN BIG PLACE AND IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS--
--YOU JUST AIN'T THAT IMPORTANT.
THINK YOU C'N LIVE WITH THAT?
HAPPILY.